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INTRODUCTION.

THIS Volume contains a record of the transactions of the Society from the annual meeting in April, 1835, to the monthly meeting in March, 1855, inclusive, completing the work contemplated by the Committee on the Early Proceedings, as expressed in their Introduction to the first volume, to which reference is here made. As in that volume, so in this, nothing of importance or of interest has been omitted from the original records. Notes have been made to the text where they were thought to be needed, and letters and documents on file have been freely introduced, wherever they were thought to be appropriate.

Memoirs which had not been written of deceased Resident Members, for the period covered by this volume, eighteen in number, are here supplied; and, as in the former volume, brief sketches are given, in a note at the close of the volume, of those members who either resigned their membership or lost it by removal from the State.

A heliotype of the portrait of President Thomas Lindall Winthrop, from a painting by Osgood, and one of his successor, President James Savage, from a painting

by Wight, both in the Society's collection, are given in this volume ; also, a heliotype of the picture in the Society's gallery, known as that of John Rogers, the martyr.

The heliotype frontispiece of the volume is a reduced copy of a large photograph taken by Whipple on the 17th of May, 1855, which was the most numerous group ever attempted by the photographer in that early infancy of the art.

The group comprises twenty-six members of the Society, including those most venerable and distinguished at that period, together with several of the younger officers. It was proposed by Mr. Winthrop, who had then just been elected President, as a complimentary memorial of his immediate predecessor, the Hon. James Savage, who had retired from the Presidency at the previous annual meeting, after a faithful service of fourteen years.

Mr. Savage is represented as seated in the centre, in his accustomed President's chair,—the old Governor Winslow chair,—having before him, on a stand, the Indian King Philip's samp-bowl,—then used by the Society as a ballot box,—and with the venerable Josiah Quincy and Jared Sparks on his right hand, and Chief Justice Shaw and Edward Everett on his left. Many of the members were absent from the city, and more than one arrived too late to be included.*

* Mr. Ticknor came in at the last moment, just as the instrument was about to be uncovered and applied, when Mr. Winthrop, the newly-elected President, rose at once and insisted on giving him a chair, retiring to the rear himself.

Of the twenty-six who were present only eight are now living, — three of those sitting, and six of those standing. A key to the picture may be given as follows:—

JAMES SAVAGE,

JOSIAH QUINCY,	LEMUEL SHAW,
JARED SPARKS,	EDWARD EVERETT,
JOHN C. GRAY,	WILLIAM H. PRESCOTT,
REV. WILLIAM JENKS,	DANIEL A. WHITE,
NATHAN APPLETON,	DAVID SEARS,
REV. J. B. FELT,	ABBOTT LAWRENCE,
CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS,	REV. G. W. BLAGDEN,
	GEORGE TICKNOR.

The above are sitting.

In the rear are standing, in the order in which they are named (beginning on Mr. Savage's right), Rev. Chandler Robbins, Charles Deane, Richard Frothingham, Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, Joseph Willard, Rev. W. P. Lunt, Rev. S. K. Lothrop, Rev. Geo. E. Ellis, George S. Hillard, and Robert C. Winthrop.

The number of Resident Members was at that time limited to sixty, so that nearly half the members were included in the group. The absence of the late George Livermore, one of the most valued members, then and until his death, was greatly regretted.

In the Introduction to the first volume, the editors brought together whatever of authentic material they could find concerning the formation of the Society previous to the meeting when the organization took place. Since that volume was published, an incidental

reference to the Society in its inchoate state has been found in a letter of Dr. John Eliot to Dr. Benjamin Trumbull, of Connecticut (as we suppose), dated Dec. 11, 1790; and it seems to us of sufficient interest to be printed here as an addition to and forming part of what is there given. The letter is in a volume of Holmes Papers in the Society's Library, the address and concluding part being gone. It relates principally to the subject of an ecclesiastical history of the country, which Dr. Eliot expresses the purpose of writing; it then proceeds, —

“A number of us in this town have collected manuscripts and books and have lately formed a society which we have called the Historical Society, because it comprehends every thing relating to this country, — its antiquities, its history, civil, natural, and ecclesiastical. We confine our attention here, and hence are we different from the Academy and other literary societies. To pursue one particular subject is the only way of succeeding. We mean to confine our attention to this business of collecting things which will illustrate the history of our country.

“The five who meet together for this purpose are Mr. Belknap and Mr. Winthrop, Mr. Thacher, Judge Tudor, and myself.

“We have added five members, and mean to increase our number still, though never to exceed 25, except we introduce some gentlemen from other States, — though we wish such a circle was in every State of the Union. By making the number extensive, or very *honorable*, it may be less useful. By honorable (perhaps there is need of explanation) I mean such members as are chosen into other societies merely to do honor unto the institution or to receive honor from it. Every person shall be under obligation to assist in the business of the Society.”

The interesting fact is here disclosed that the five persons who “first associated” were in the habit of

meeting together in 1790 (of course after Dr. Belknap's "plan" of the 27th of August, printed in the Introduction to Vol. I. at p. xii, was drawn up) for historical purposes, and that the five other members, making together the ten "founders," had been added to their number before the close of this year. As no records of these early meetings were kept, or, at least, have been preserved, we have as yet no means of knowing when, where, or how often these meetings were held. Dr. Eliot's interleaved almanac for 1790 contains no mention of any meeting. In his almanac for 1791, he makes this entry, under the date of January, — "The Historical Society met at Col. Tudor's house, Jan. 24, and chose their officers." This record implies that the Historical Society was regarded by the writer as having had an existence before the meeting at Col. Tudor's house which "the members present agreed to consider . . . as the first meeting."

CHARLES DEANE, } *Committee of*
CHARLES C. SMITH, } *Publication.*

Boston, April 8, 1880.

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TO THE YEAR 1855,**

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1835.

April 30, 1835. President DAVIS in the chair.

The President and I. P. DAVIS presented donations and communications from Dr. Mease, of Philadelphia, which were referred to the Publishing Committee, and delivered to Jared Sparks, as chairman.

Donations were presented from the heirs of John Winslow, Esq., of Marshfield,* and from Hon. James T. Austin.

Voted, That the Librarian be authorized to propose to Mr. Hazard, of Philadelphia, an exchange of the publications of the Society for his "Register," and to request of him, if in his power, to furnish the deficient volume of his late father's collection.

Voted, That Messrs. Davis and Snelling be a committee to lease the old room of the Society on the best terms in their power.†

* By reference to the "Acknowledgment of Donations" in 3 Collections, V. 293, it will be seen that the gift of the "heirs of the late John Winslow, of Marshfield," consisted of an "arm-chair and large family table, made of oak, that belonged to Governor Edward Winslow." These are most interesting relics. The chair has a paper label on it, on which is written, evidently in the hand of Judge Davis, "Cheapside, London, 1614." It has a modern cloth seat, in which is wrought the device on the seal of Governor Winslow,—a pelican feeding her young.—*Eds.*

† "See additional vote, March 30, 1837." *Marginal note.*—*Eds.*

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary and Librarian be a committee to make inquiry concerning certain maps and charts lent to the United States Government, as per record, Oct. 30, 1828.

Voted, That the Publishing Committee be requested to obtain subscriptions for the future publication of an annual number of the Collections, at one dollar per number.

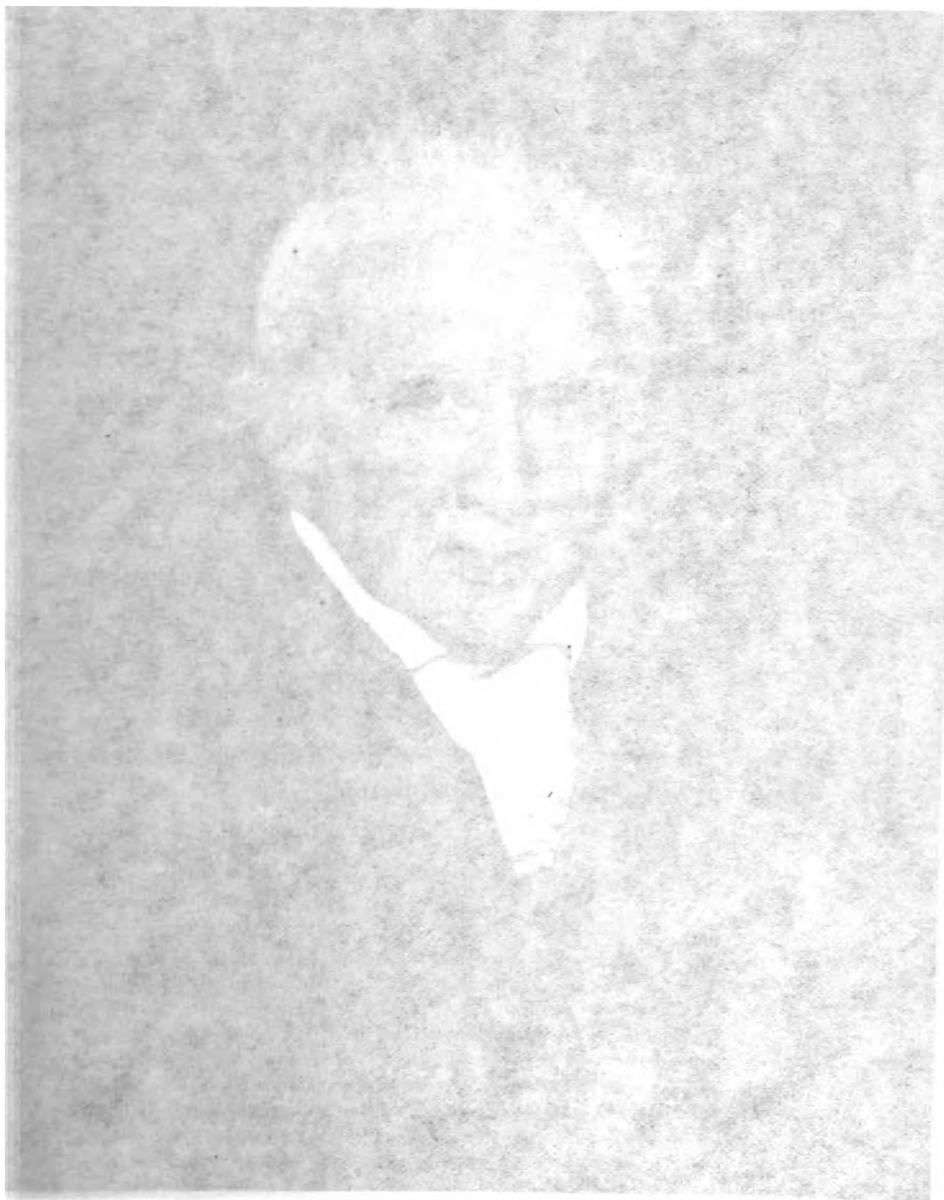
The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts reported : —

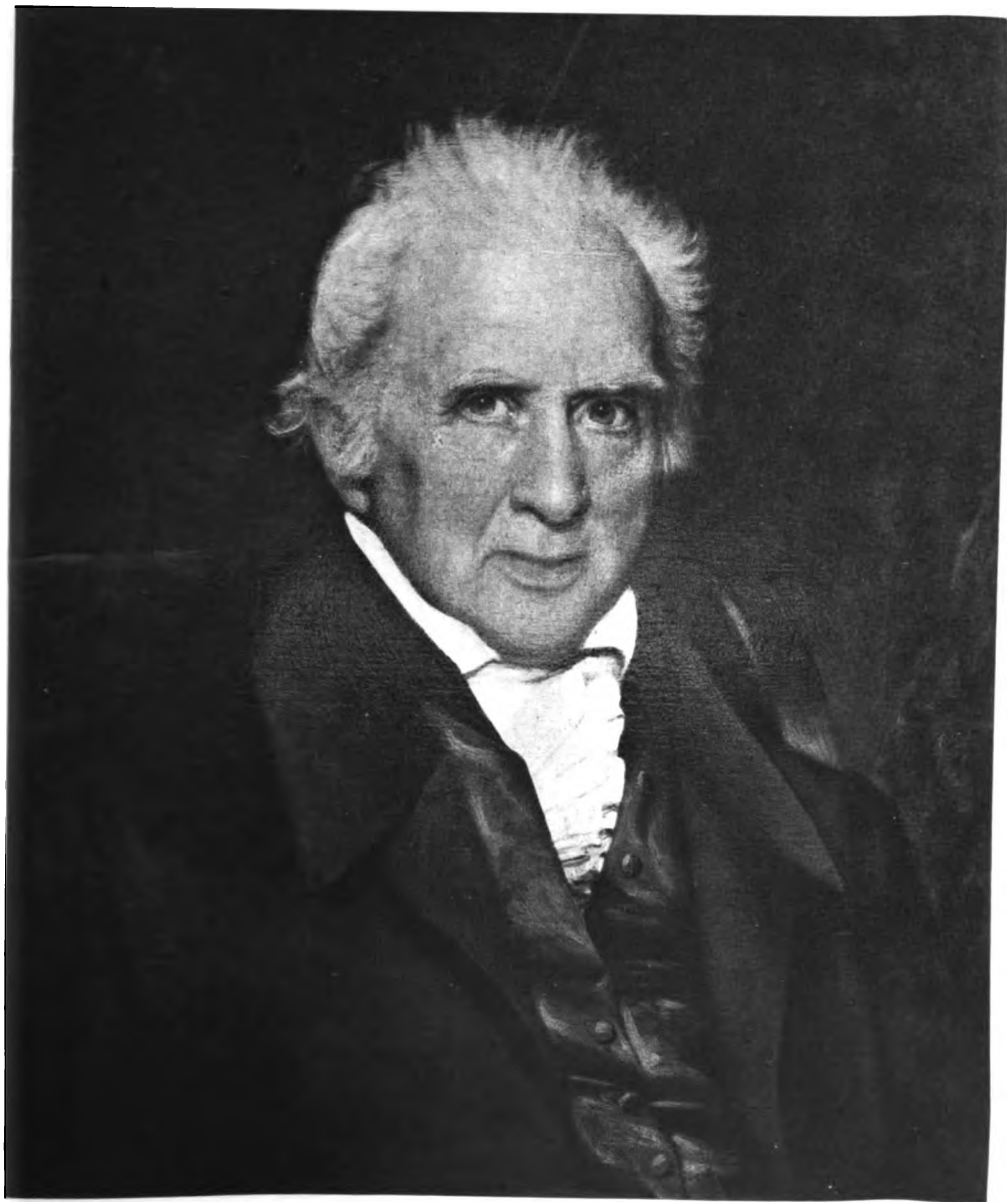
The undersigned, a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society to examine the accounts of James Savage, their Treasurer, for the year past, having this day performed the service, report that the accounts are well kept, sufficiently vouched, and correctly cast, whereby a balance appears due from the Society to him of fifty dollars and fifty cents. The Committee have also revised the settlement of last year, and corrected an error in that account, by which the sum of one hundred and nineteen dollars and forty-two cents was carried to the debit instead of the credit of the Society, and the same having been correctly entered in the accounts of this year, the balance due from the Society to the Treasurer is fifty dollars and fifty cents, as above stated.

(Signed) ISAAC P. DAVIS, } Committee.*
 JAMES T. AUSTIN, }

Boston, April 29, 1835.

* The same gentlemen were auditors in 1834 and 1835, and the report submitted by them in the earlier year was correct; but the report now presented was incorrect. In closing his account to April 24, 1834, Mr. Savage accidentally put down the balance on the wrong side, placing it, however, in his new account where it properly belonged, as a debt due from the Society. By some curious oversight he seems to have thought, a year afterward, that the correct statement was the one which was wrong; and, in closing his account, April 29, 1835, he credited the Society for the supposed error, as follows: "By error in last year's adjustment of account, wherein balance of \$119.42 is put to debit instead of credit, double is \$238.84." In other words, Mr. Savage gave to the Society \$238.84, to correct an imaginary blunder. Without this credit, the balance against the Society would have been \$289.34, instead of \$50.50, as stated in the report. Apart from Mr. Savage's gift, the receipts amounted to \$2,141.16. Of this sum, \$1,816.66 were the net proceeds of the legacy of the





Mr. L. Winthrop

The following officers were then chosen : —

HON. THOMAS LINDALL WINTHROP . . .	PRESIDENT.
REV. CHARLES LOWELL	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
DR. GAMALIEL BRADFORD	RECORDING SECRETARY.
HON. NAHUM MITCHELL	LIBRARIAN.
HON. JAMES SAVAGE	TREASURER.
ISAAC P. DAVIS, Esq.	CABINET-KEEPER.
HON. JAMES SAVAGE	} STANDING COMMITTEE.
HON. FRANCIS C. GRAY	
HON. JAMES T. AUSTIN	
HON. NATHAN APPLETON	
JARED SPARKS, Esq.	

Hon. JOHN TRUMBULL, of New York, was chosen a Corresponding Member.

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding thirteen hundred dollars, and to give for the same the note of the Society, on demand, with interest at the rate of five and a half per cent, payable half-yearly.

Present — Appleton, Austin, Bradford, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Francis, Gardner, Palfrey, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Sparks, and Willard.

[Two Resident Members died since the last annual meeting, — the Rev. B. B. Wisner and the Hon. Nathan Dane, — of whom no memoirs have appeared in the Society's publications. They are here supplied. — Eds.]

Hon. Christopher Gore; \$180 for rent from the Phrenological Society; \$100 for admission fees and assessments; \$24.50 from sales of books; and \$20 on account of interest on note of Phelps & Farnham. The payments were \$1,800 on account of the Treasurer's notes; \$70.46 for interest, taxes, and insurance; and \$401.75 for miscellaneous expenses. The note of Phelps & Farnham, which was credited as cash in May, 1826, and still remained unpaid, was properly charged back to the Society. So far as is known to the editors, the curious blunder in the Treasurer's account and the Auditors' report remained undiscovered until it was noticed in examining the Treasurer's books for the purpose of this publication. — Eds.

Notice of Rev. Dr. B. B. Wisner.

Benjamin Blydenburg Wisner was born in Goshen, New York, Sept. 29, 1794, being eldest son of Polydore B. and Maria (Blydenburg) Wisner. His father was an early settler there, and one of the founders of the Presbyterian Church in the town; a lawyer by profession; and, for some years before his death, District Attorney for the Western District of New York. When Benjamin was three years old, the family removed to Geneva, New York. The lad was fitted for college, as were so many at that day, by the pastor of the church with which the family worshipped; entered the Sophomore class in Union College, Schenectady, in 1810; and graduated, when nineteen years old, in 1813. He taught an academy at Johnstown, New York, a year; was at home more than a year, arranging family affairs, after his father's early death; and was tutor at Union College for three years. During his tutorship, he joined the Presbyterian Church, and began the study of Theology with Professor Andrew Yates, D.D., of the College. In the fall of 1818, he entered the Princeton Theological Seminary, as he had entered college, one year in advance; was licensed to preach in June, 1820; preached as a candidate before the Presbyterian Church in New Brunswick, New Jersey, and declined a unanimous request to become its pastor. On recommendation of Dr. Miller, of Princeton, he was invited to the Old South pulpit in Boston, then vacant from the recent death of Rev. Joshua Huntington, and was ordained its pastor, Feb. 21, 1821. Here he labored with success until the failure of his health in 1832, when he was dismissed, and appointed Secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions; the change of employment, and the extensive travel involved in it, having the effect to restore his physical vigor. For more than two years, he discharged the duties of his new vocation

with great energy and singular ability, when, in February, 1835, he was suddenly stricken down with malignant scarlet fever, which, in five days, terminated his useful career, at the age of forty years and one hundred and thirty-three days. He left a widow, Sarah (Johnson) Wisner, but no children.

Dr. Wisner received his Doctorate in Theology, in 1828, from his own college. He had taken, and at the time of his lamented death was holding, with distinguished ability, many important positions in the general work of the Church, being, among other like assignments, a member of the Prudential Committee of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and a Trustee of Andover Theological Seminary.

He was elected to membership in this Society, May 5, 1831.

He left behind him the following publications :—

1. A Sermon on the Death of Mrs. Miriam Phillips, preached 18th May, 1823. Cambridge, 1823. 8vo.
2. A Sermon before the Foreign Missionary Society of Boston and Vicinity, 1824. Boston, 1824. 8vo.
3. A Review of Dr. Channing's Discourse preached at the Dedication of the Second Congregational Unitarian Church, New York, Dec. 7, 1826. Boston, 8vo.
4. A Sermon on the Death of Hon. William Phillips, June 3, 1827. Boston, 1827. 8vo.
5. The Proper Mode of conducting Missions to the Heathen. A Sermon delivered before the Society for Propagating the Gospel among the Indians and others in North America, Nov. 5, 1829. Boston, 1829. 8vo.
6. The History of the Old South Church in Boston. In four sermons, delivered May 9 and 16, 1830. Boston, 1830. 8vo.
7. A Sermon on Sabbath Schools, delivered in the Old South Church, 1830. Boston, 1830. 8vo.
8. Review of "The New Divinity Tried"; or, an Examination of Rev. Mr. Rand's Strictures on a Sermon by Rev. C. G. Finney. Boston, 1832. 8vo.

The third and eighth of these were published without the author's name. The first, fourth, fifth, sixth, and eighth are in the Society's Library.

H. M. D.

Memoir of Hon. Nathan Dane.

Nathan Dane was born at Ipswich, in the parish then called "The Hamlet," now the town of Hamilton, on the 29th of December, 1752. His father was a prosperous farmer; but, with a family of twelve children, he could ill afford the cost of a liberal education for one of the number. The subject of this sketch, therefore, worked on his father's farm till he was of age, meanwhile availing himself of such limited means of culture as his native neighborhood afforded. He prepared himself for Harvard College with little or no assistance, entered college in 1774, and graduated with high reputation in 1778. He then took charge of a school in Beverly, at the same time pursuing his legal studies with Judge Wetmore, of Salem. In 1782, he commenced the practice of law in Beverly, where he resided for the remainder of his life.

He very early rose to a foremost place in his profession, for his thorough and accurate legal knowledge, for an acumen which to those who knew him in his prime seemed unsurpassed, and for a fidelity and integrity that won implicit and unmeasured confidence. In my boyhood there survived an authentic anecdote of his skilful employment of scientific aid to save a client's life. He was appointed to defend a man indicted for setting fire to a dwelling-house in the night, — a crime then punished by death. The evidence against the prisoner was conclusive, and the fire occurred at what was reputed a night-hour. But Mr. Dane procured from his friend and late pastor, President Willard, a calculation, by which it appeared that the first rays of twilight had shot above the horizon a few minutes before the latest instant at which the crime could have been committed. It was contended, therefore, and successfully, in the prisoner's behalf, that the crime might have been perpetrated by daylight. Mr. Dane continued his legal practice for thirty years or more.

Though a successful lawyer, he was no friend to litigation. He never carried a case into court, if it could be settled out of court; and to his example and influence is to be ascribed in great part the non-litigant habit of the Essex-South bar, which has been its characteristic, almost, for aught that I know to the contrary, quite, down to the present time.* He retired from the active duties of his profession, on account of incurable deafness, having acquired what for his simple tastes and frugal habits was an ample fortune.

His public and political life kept even pace with his professional career. He was a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives from 1782 to 1785; a delegate to Congress in 1785, 1786, and 1787. For five years, between 1790 and 1798, he was in the Massachusetts Senate. He was a member of committees for the revision of the laws of the State in 1795 and in 1811. He was a member of the Electoral College in 1812, and a member of the Convention for revising the Constitution of the State in 1820. In 1794, he was appointed Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for Essex County; but, for some reason not now known, he resigned his place on the bench almost immediately after accepting it. In 1814, he was a member of the Hartford Convention; and, whatever judgment may be formed of the expediency of such an assembly at such a time, his name is but one of many which are a guaranty of the pure motives and patriotic purposes that prompted its convening and guided its deliberations.

In the State Legislature and in Congress Mr. Dane was known as an active member, ready and pertinent in debate, trustworthy in counsel, diligent and thorough in his discharge of all public business, and a member of almost all committees

* The late Mr. Saltonstall probably had a larger and more lucrative business than any other lawyer in Salem; but it was well known that the larger part of the revenue of his office was derived from cases which he kept out of court and settled privately.

of importance. His highest title to fame, undoubtedly, is that he drafted the Ordinance of 1787 for the government of the territory north-west of the Ohio,—a document bearing throughout the signature of wise foresight and judicious statesmanship, and of special mark as providing for the exclusion of slavery for ever from that territory. It is worthy of note that it was only in 1787 that Wilberforce introduced into the House of Commons his first motion with reference to the slave trade, so that the Ordinance above referred to may be regarded as a pioneer movement of a philanthropy in advance of its time.

Mr. Dane was one of the founders of the Massachusetts Temperance Society,—the earliest organization of the kind in this country, if not in the world,—was for several years its President, and a liberal contributor to its funds. He was interested, as a farmer's son, in the Massachusetts Agricultural Society, and aided in the support of its operations. He was a member of the Massachusetts and Essex Historical Societies, and of the American Antiquarian Society. In the territory which owed to him its fundamental law, he was complimented by the honorary membership of various Historical Societies, and the Law Library of Ohio bears his name in its corporate title, as well as on its list of donors. In 1816, he received from Harvard College the degree of LL.D.

In 1829, Dr. Dane founded, in Harvard University, the Law Professorship that bears his name, and two years later contributed largely to the funds used in the erection of the Dane Law College, thus giving to the Cambridge Law School, which before hardly had so much as "a name to live," a permanent position, and starting it on a course of prosperity not since interrupted.

Dr. Dane, always a hard student, spent the greater part of his last twenty or twenty-five years in his library, devoting steadily never less than twelve, often fourteen, hours a day to study and pen-work. He had already completed the work

by which he is chiefly known, "A General Abridgment and Digest of American Law," — a work of immense industry and learning. He finished before his death a work fully equal to this in extent, research, and laborious compilation, entitled "A Moral and Political Survey of America." This he began in 1782. It was not printed, and probably will never be. Had its successive portions appeared when they were written, they would often have manifested a prescience as foreseeing and as far-seeing as was shown in his initiation of the anti-slavery policy for the north-west; but, at the time of his death, prophecy had become history, anticipation was merged in fulfilment, and ideas, bold and aggressive when they were committed to writing, seemed mere truisms.

Dr. Dane's studies were by no means confined to law and history. In early life he bestowed a great deal of time on mathematics and kindred sciences. Being a devout man, and with much of the Puritan rigidity in observing religious institutions, he devoted his Sundays to subjects connected with the records and history of the Christian faith. Constant in his attendance at church, though for many years hearing not a word of the sermon or service, he spent his twelve working hours on Sunday in the study of theology and ecclesiastical history, and in reading the Greek and Hebrew Scriptures in their original tongues. It is doubtful whether he could have appreciated or enjoyed mere devotional literature, or any literature that was to be read, not studied; but he was wont to ascribe his almost life-long capacity for arduous mental labor to his weekly change of work, — Monday, as he said, always sending him back with fresh vigor and elasticity to his week-day employment.

He was a man of great dignity of mien and manner, but of equal gentleness and kindness. His wants were few, and his personal expenses small; his style of living that of simple, unostentatious elegance, generous, and hospitable. He had no children; but there were always kindred who held the

place of children in his family, and he adopted and educated as his own son, his nephew, Hon. Joseph Dane, late of Kennebunk, Maine. He was liberal, though cautious and circumspect, in the bestowal of alms and aid on deserving objects, and to him and to his excellent wife, who survived him for several years, there were not a few who were indebted for continuous care and unintermitted kindness.

No man can have led a more entirely blameless life than Dr. Dane. I was brought up in his near neighborhood, and never heard him spoken of but with unqualified respect and veneration; and I have been told by those of nearly his own age that not the slightest reproach or stain ever rested on his good name.

He entered upon his eighty-third year in vigorous health, with his mental faculties unimpaired, and his application unabated. About three months before his death, he was suddenly seized with paralysis, from which he never rallied. He met the shock with composure and cheerfulness, anticipated its fatal close, dictated arrangements for his funeral, and retained entire self-possession almost to the moment of dissolution. He died on the 15th of February, 1835.

A. P. P.

MONTHLY MEETING.

May 28, 1835. President WINTHROP in the chair.

Voted, To confirm the vote of the last meeting respecting the borrowing of the sum of thirteen hundred dollars by the Treasurer.

Voted, That the thanks of this Society be presented to the Hon. Judge Davis for his services as President during the last seventeen years, to the happy influence of which the prosperity of the Society may in no small degree be ascribed; and that he be certified of the affectionate desires of the members for the continuance of his health and comfort in the remaining years of his life, with our hopes that it may correspond with the amenity of his official course.

Donations were presented from Hon. Edward W. White, Dr. Charles Burroughs, of Portsmouth, Matthew Carey, Esq., of Philadelphia, and the Legislature of Massachusetts.

Voted, That the resignation of Dr. William Spooner be accepted, and his assessments remitted.

Mr. WILLARD, from the Committee on the maps and charts lent the United States, reported a letter from Hon. Mr. Preble, late Minister to the Netherlands, stating that the said documents are probably still in the archives of the Department of State.*

Mr. WILLARD also read a letter from Colonel Trumbull, of New York, declining his election as a Corresponding Member.

Mr. DAVIS presented an account of a curious print, from Dr. Mease, of Philadelphia, which was referred to the Committee on Publications.

Rev. Alexander Young, Hon. John Pickering, Hon.

* The following letter is on file: —

“PORTLAND, May 23, 1885.

“SIR,—I have had the honor to receive your favor of the 19th instant, respecting certain maps borrowed in behalf of the United States, of Massachusetts Historical Society. At the time of resigning the office of Minister to the Netherlands, I endeavored to make the necessary arrangements for the return of the maps borrowed of the Historical Society, of Harvard University, and other institutions, and to procure for each of the institutions referred to a full copy of the documents and case submitted to the Arbitrator. I accordingly did receive from the President a verbal assurance that when the subject was *fully disposed of*, the maps, &c., should be returned as far forth as possible to those to whom they belonged, with a copy of the documents, &c., as requested. You are aware that the subject has not yet been finally disposed of, but is still under discussion. The maps, I presume, are still in the Department of State, and there is a certificate on the back of each stating to whom it belongs.

“I am, Sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

“WM. P. PREBLE.

“REV. CHARLES LOWELL, Boston, Massachusetts.”

ENDS.

Rufus Choate, and Hon. John Glen King were nominated by the Standing Committee for Resident Members.

Dr. Snow's assessments for the last two years were remitted.

Mr. Ticknor's place in the Committee on Lectures was supplied by the election of Mr. WILLARD.

Voted, That the question of the expediency of making a collection of local maps be referred to the Standing Committee.

Judge Davis nominated Mr. Sharon Turner, author of a "History of the Anglo-Saxons," for a Corresponding Member.

Present — Appleton, Austin, Bradford, Coolidge, Davis, I. P. Davis, Mitchell, Palfrey, Prince, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, Shaw, Willard, Winthrop, and Worcester.

MONTHLY MEETING.

June 25, 1835. President WINTHROP in the chair.

The following letter from the Hon. John Davis was read by the Secretary, and ordered upon the records :

"BOSTON, June 22, 1835.

"DEAR SIR,—Your obliging communication of the vote of thanks by the Massachusetts Historical Society, for my services as their President for the last seventeen years, was duly received. My early connections with the Society, attachment to its objects, and the obligations resulting from the office with which I have been honored by so many repeated elections, should have prompted to more active and efficient attention to its interest and concerns than it has

been in my power to afford. It will ever be a source of gratifying reflections, if, in the discharge of the official trust with which I have been so long honored, I should have, in any good degree, met the views and wishes of my esteemed associates in that interesting institution. Their kind remembrances, expressed in the vote which you have communicated, are received as a precious memento, grateful to me and to my family, from respected friends, dear to me and to the community.

(Signed)

“JOHN DAVIS.

“GAMALIEL BRADFORD, Esq.,

Recording Secretary, Massachusetts Historical Society.”

Donations were presented from William Brigham, of Grafton, George W. Erving, Esq., and Rev. Dr. Holmes.

The Recording Secretary's resignation was accepted, and the thanks of the Society voted to him for his faithful services.

JOSEPH WILLARD, Esq., was chosen Recording Secretary.

The following persons were unanimously elected Resident Members of the Society: Rev. ALEXANDER YOUNG, of Boston, Hon. JOHN PICKERING, of Boston, Hon. RUFUS CHOATE, of Boston, and Hon. JOHN G. KING, of Salem.

SHARON TURNER, author of a “History of the Anglo-Saxons,” was unanimously elected a Corresponding Member.*

* His letter of acceptance here follows:—

“REV. SIR,—It is with very great gratification that I have received the diploma of the Massachusetts Historical Society, appointing me one of its Corresponding Members. I feel the distinction of the election, and shall consider it an honor to belong to it, not only from the notice having been conferred on me by its own unsolicited kindness, but also because America, and more especially its original States, have been always deeply interesting to me. The

By favor of the President, an interesting letter was read from Colonel Galindo, relative to certain ancient monuments in the ruins of Copan, in Central America.*

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to procure a nomination book, to be laid on the table of the Society, in which any member may enter such names as he considers proper for the consideration of the Standing Committee.

Adjourned.

G. BRADFORD, *Secretary*.

Present — Appleton, Bradford, Coolidge, Davis, I. P. Davis, Francis, Harris, Holmes, Homer, Mitchell, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, Welles, Willard, Winthrop, and Worcester.

sympathy began in my boyhood. I regretted the contest, while I admired the patriotism which sustained it; and then I thought, as I still consider, the Individual whose wisdom, fortitude, perseverance, and virtues principally contributed to achieve the independence, to be one of the greatest characters which history has at any time set before us. General Washington has thus been a favorite of my historical speculation, and more valued by me as subsequent events have brought other eminent leaders in other countries into prominent situations. I mean, of course, upon a fair consideration of both qualities and deficiencies.

"But my regard for America is not confined to him. It has already produced so many able and distinguished men, and is preparing such a rich harvest of more, that I rejoice that we are brethren of the same blood, and taking the same paths to honor, improvement, and increasing reputation.

"I beg to express my cordial thanks to those gentlemen who have admitted me to be in this Society with them, and to you for the friendly politeness of your communication, and have the honor to be, Sir, your most faithful and obedient,

SHARON TURNER.

"COTTAGE, WINCHMORE HILL, MIDDLESEX,
20th June, 1836.

"CHARLES LOWELL, D.D., Corresponding Secretary of the
Massachusetts Historical Society."

Eds.

* Colonel Juan Galindo, of Guatemala, was in January, 1836, elected a Corresponding Member. The letter from him here read was printed in Vol. II. of the Transactions of the American Antiquarian Society, of which institution Mr. Winthrop, to whom it was addressed, was likewise President. A later communication from Colonel Galindo, addressed to the President of this Society, was published in 3 Collections, VI. 280-282. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

July 30, 1835. President WINTHROP in the chair.

Donations were presented from John Blunt, Esq., of New York, Hon. John Welles, Nahum Mitchell, Edward Everett, and the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec.

The Recording Secretary read a letter from Hon. John Glen King, of Salem, accepting his election as a member of the Society.

Voted, That the Secretary make an entry in the nomination book that the members of the Society are considered as under an honorary obligation not to communicate the names of those gentlemen who are nominated for membership, before the subject has been acted upon by the Society.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to President Quincy for his exertions in obtaining portraits of the late Rev. Samuel Phillips, of Andover, late Hon. John Phillips, of Exeter, late Deacon William Phillips, of Boston, father of the late Lieutenant-Governor William Phillips, and the late Deacon Jonathan Mason, of Boston.

Dissolved.

Present — Austin, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Jenks, C. Lowell, Mitchell, Pierce, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, Upham, Willard, Winthrop, Worcester, and Young.

JOSEPH WILLARD,

*Recording Secretary.**

* Mr. Secretary Willard's records begin with this meeting. He continued to hold the office of Recording Secretary till April, 1857. It seems quite unnecessary here to repeat the Secretary's name at the end of each record, and it will not be done. But, in order that the reader may readily know whose record is before him, the Secretary's name will be given at the end of each annual meeting. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Aug. 25, 1835. The President in the chair.

Donations were presented from Mr. B. B. Edwards, Dr. Samuel L. Dana, John Farmer, Esq.; and from Mrs. John W. Davis, the portrait of Marquis de Lafayette, taken for Mr. Jefferson, at Paris.

The Librarian read a letter from Samuel Hazard, Esq., of Philadelphia, in relation to the deficient volume of his father's collections and to the exchange of the "Pennsylvania Register" for the published Collections of this Society.

Voted, To refer the foregoing letter and the whole subject to the Standing Committee.

Voted, That Mr. Savage cause the policy of insurance on the Society's estate in Franklin Place to be renewed.

Voted, That the manuscript Dissertation of the late Professor Vater, of Germany, upon the original peopling of America, be placed in the hands of the Publishing Committee, and that the Committee be directed to report at the next meeting upon the expediency of publishing the same in the next volume of the Collections.

Voted, That the order passed at the meeting of the Society, May 28, 1835, referring it to the Standing Committee to consider the expediency of making a collection of the local maps of the State be rescinded, and, in lieu thereof, that the Librarian be requested to take measures, by a circular letter or otherwise, to make as complete a collection as practicable of maps of the counties and towns of this State.

Voted, That Joseph B. Felt, a member of this Society, be requested, in concurrence with the Librarian, to make a catalogue, alphabetical and systematic, of all the books, pamphlets, and manuscripts in the Library of the Society, report to be made at the quarterly meetings in October, January, April, and July of the progress of the work.

Present — Bradford, I. P. Davis, J. Davis, Felt, Lewis, Lowell, Mitchell, Palfrey, Pickering, Savage, Shaw, Tucker, Willard, Winthrop, Worcester, Young, and Sir John Caldwell.*

MONTHLY MEETING.

Sept. 24, 1835. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Recording Secretary read a letter from Mr. Sparks, requesting to be excused from further service as one of the Committee of Publication, on account of the pressure of his avocations. Whereupon,

Voted, That Mr. Sparks's request be granted, and that the selection of a gentleman to supply his place be deferred till the next meeting, and that the Recording Secretary give notice thereof to the other members of the Publishing Committee.

The Librarian communicated donations from Mr. Obed Macy, of the island of Nantucket, from Dr. Jacob Porter, of Plainfield, and from the Congress of the United States.

Mr. I. P. DAVIS communicated the donation from Mr. Peter Wainwright, Jr., of the portraits of the late Governor Hutchinson and the late Charles Paxton, Esq., which portraits formerly belonged to Mr. Wainwright's grandfather, the late Rev. Jonathan Mayhew.†

The President nominated Francis Bayard Winthrop,

* Sir John Caldwell was a Corresponding Member, elected in February last.
— Eds.

† See Proceedings, Vol. I p. 417, note *. — Eds.

Esq., of New Haven, Connecticut, as a Corresponding Member.

The Committees not being prepared to report on the subjects committed to them at the last meeting,

Voted, To dissolve this meeting.

Present — The President, Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Gray, Mitchell, Quincy, Ripley, and Willard.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Oct. 29, 1835. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

Mr. SAVAGE, from the Standing Committee, to whom was referred the letter of Samuel Hazard, of the 7th of August last, to the Librarian, made a written report, recommending that the Librarian inform Mr. Hazard that, in exchange for his fifteen volumes of the "Register" he shall receive a complete set of the twenty-four volumes of the Collections, and also inform him of the usual form in which our Collections are bound. Which report was accepted, and the Librarian directed accordingly.

The Librarian and Mr. FELT, pursuant to a vote of the Society at the meeting in August last, made report of their progress in preparing a catalogue of the Library. Whereupon,

Voted, That they be requested to reduce their report to writing, and that the same be entered upon the records of the Society.

The following is their report, viz. :—

The Librarian has been occupied all the time he could devote to objects of the Society in making out a catalogue. This is found to be a work of no small labor. Many of the volumes contain distinct pamphlets, each volume of which comprises ten to fifteen in number, every one of which pamphlets requires a distinct notice. Hence two or three volumes will often occupy him half a day. This has been particularly the fact as to that portion of the Library on which he has been employed. He thinks that he shall soon come to a part wherein the volumes consist of single subjects, and thereby make greater progress and despatch. During the several weeks spent on the papers and manuscripts, there has been need to "hasten slowly." In this work, every other day, from nine to one o'clock, has been occupied. The plan has been to arrange the papers according to their years, and to put the manuscripts by themselves. Among the papers are some valuable documents and many valuable letters, particularly about the last Revolutionary struggle. A part of the manuscripts are of considerable worth. It is hoped that such labor will be so continued as to be for the good of the Society.

Respectfully submitted.

NAHUM MITCHELL.

JOSEPH B. FELT.

Boston, Oct. 29, 1835.

Mr. FELT was chosen on the Committee of Publication, in place of Mr. Sparks, resigned.

FRANCIS B. WINTHROP, Esq., of New Haven, Connecticut, was chosen a Corresponding Member of the Society.

Donations were presented from Mr. and Miss Jones, heirs of the late Edward Jones, embracing many books and pamphlets, and a portrait of the late Mr. Faneuil;

also, from Dr. Porter, of Plainfield, the Historical Society of Rhode Island, Rev. Jasper Adams, Mr. Lemuel Shattuck, the Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries at Copenhagen, and Mr. Pendleton, of Boston.*

Voted, That the Librarian be directed to prepare a blank form of a letter, acknowledging, in behalf of the Society, their thanks for donations made to the Society; and to fill up and forward such letters accordingly to those who shall make donations.

Voted, That the Librarian and Recording Secretary be directed to enforce the effect of the vote passed by the Society, April 25, 1831, relative to two volumes belonging to our Library borrowed by the late Isaiah Thomas, Esq., of Worcester; also, that they furnish the American Antiquarian Society with the evidence that these volumes are our property, and report at the next meeting.

Mr. SHATTUCK informed the Society that General Hoyt, of Deerfield, possessed various manuscript papers of historical value, that probably might be procured for the Society. Also, that it had been mentioned to him that Mrs. Hickman, the daughter of the late General Hull, possessed manuscript historical papers of the like character, formerly the property of the late Abraham Fuller, Esq., of Newton, and which, perhaps, might be procured for the Society. Whereupon,

Voted, That Mr. Shattuck be a committee to correspond with General Hoyt, of Deerfield, and Mrs. Hickman, of Newton, and endeavor to obtain from them such manuscript papers relating to the history of this country as they may respectively be inclined to present to the Society.

Voted, To present to the Historical Society of Rhode Island Vols. I., II., III., and IV. of the third series of the Collections of this Society.

* A letter was received at this meeting from W. S. Pendleton, accompanied by a gift of some fifty maps of States and towns in New England, with a promise of others. — Eds.

Present — The President, Bradford, Coolidge, I. P. Davis, Davis, E. Everett, Felt, Gardner, Lincoln, C. Lowell, Mitchell, Prince, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, Sullivan, Willard, Young, and Atherton,* of Amherst, New Hampshire.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Nov. 26, 1835. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

A letter was read by the Secretary, addressed to the President and Council of the Massachusetts Historical Society, from Henry William Dewhurst, M.D., of London, President of the Verulam Philosophical Society, proposing a correspondence, &c. Whereupon,

Voted, To refer the letter to Rev. Dr. Lowell, Corresponding Secretary, to report thereupon.

The President read a letter from Dr. N. H. Julius, 30th October, 1835, stating that he is "collecting for the Royal Library in Berlin, where an interesting and clever History of the United States has just been published by Mr. Rufahl,† an eminent Professor of that University," and soliciting for that Library a set of the Society's Collections, and stating that the Berlin Library would send in return German works of interest to this country, and especially to the Historical Society of Massachusetts. The Collections to be forwarded to the fol-

* A Corresponding Member. — Eds.

† Dr. Ludwig Rufahl. — Eds.

lowing address: "Dr. Julius, care of Dr. Joseph Leowolf, 48 Beekman Street, New York"; and that the future volumes be forwarded to the same address. Whereupon,

Voted, That the Librarian forward to Dr. Julius the second series, and as much of the third series as is already published of the Society's Collections, and inform Dr. Julius that the first series will be forwarded when the deficient volumes are republished.

A letter addressed to the Society by Mr. James Herring, of New York, Nov. 13, 1835, was read, requesting encouragement and aid from this Society for a work which he proposes to prepare and publish, to be entitled, "Illustrations of American History," accompanied with well executed engravings of historical pictures and landscapes having connection with historical events, views of buildings, copies of medals and other memorable objects, and especially of portraits of the discoverers and first settlers of this country, and of the men and women who have since been conspicuous, and not within the scope of his Portrait Gallery; * also, requesting permission to use the Society's pictures without removing them, and that a committee of the Society may be appointed, with whom he may correspond, and who will be willing to aid him in the preparation of the literary part of his work, &c.

A resolution being offered, approving of Mr. Herring's plan, it was

* Mr. James Herring had already embarked upon the enterprise of a "National Portrait Gallery of Distinguished Americans," in connection with James B. Longacre, of Philadelphia, the first volume of which had appeared in 1834. The work was issued in numbers. The fourth volume, the last, was completed in 1839. We are not aware that the work now contemplated by him, to be called "Illustrations of American History," was ever executed. — Eds.

Voted, To refer the communication of Mr. Herring to Judge Davis, and Rev. Mr. Felt to take the subject into consideration, and report thereupon.

The President nominated Duc de Montmorency and M. César Moreau, of the city of Paris, and Dr. J. Smyth Rogers, of Connecticut, for Corresponding Members.

Judge Davis nominated Erastus Smith, Esq., of Hartford, Connecticut, for a Corresponding Member.

Israel Thorndike, Esq., through Mr. I. P. DAVIS, deposited with the Society a portrait of Columbus, a "copy from an original in the Gallery of Medicis, at Florence, for Thomas Jefferson"; also, "an original portrait of Washington, taken in Philadelphia, 1784, by Wright,"—for which the thanks of the Society were voted to be given to Mr. Thorndike.*

Donations were presented from Rev. Jasper Adams, Thomas B. Curtis, Mr. Attorney-General Austin, B. B. Edwards, Dr. Jacob Porter, Rev. Francis Parkman, Joseph Willard, Dr. Timothy L. Jennison, the heirs of the late Edward Jones, Joseph Coolidge, and Dr. J. Smyth Rogers.

The Librarian reported that he had written to Mr. Hazard concerning his proposal of exchange of his "Register" for the Society's Collections, pursuant to

* The following letter is on file:—

"25th NOVEMBER, 1835.

"I. P. DAVIS, Esq.

"DEAR SIR,—I send, according to your request, two portraits of Columbus and Washington.

"The first, 'copy from an original in the Gallery of Medicis, at Florence, for Thomas Jefferson.' Washington is 'an original, taken in Philadelphia, 1784, by Wright.'

"Please put, as you engaged to do, my name upon the back of the paintings, and a memorandum that they are to be returned, should they ever be asked for. Yours truly,

I. THORNDIKE."

the vote at the last meeting of the Society, but that he had received no answer thus far.

The Librarian reported a blank form of a letter of acknowledgment of donations, pursuant to the vote of the last meeting.

Voted, To accept the same.

Rev. Dr. PIERCE announced the lamented death of Rev. Dr. James Freeman ; and, on his motion, it was

*Voted, That the colleague of the deceased, Rev. Francis W. P. Greenwood, be requested to prepare a memoir of Dr. Freeman for the next volume of the Society's Collections.**

The Librarian and Recording Secretary reported that, pursuant to the vote at the last meeting, they had written fully to the Council of the American Antiquarian Society, and had furnished full and complete evidence of the property of our Society in White Kennett's "Bibliothecæ Americanæ Primordia," London, 1713; the other volume embraced in said vote having been returned, in 1831, in consequence of the correspondence between our then Librarian, Rev. Dr. Jenks, and the Antiquarian Society; that the said Council held their regular meeting yesterday, when probably the subject of the "Primordia" was acted upon.

Dr. Lowell nominated M. Schlegel, Conseillier Privé d'État, and President of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of the North, at Copenhagen; also Finn Magnusen, Vice-President of said Society, for Corresponding Members.

* Dr. Freeman, one of the ten original members of the Society, died on the 14th of this month. Mr. Greenwood's memoir of him is in 3 Collections, V. 255-271. — Eds.

Present — The President, Caldwell,* Coolidge, I. P. Davis, J. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gardner, Gray, Jenks, C. Lowell, Mitchell, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Upham, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Dec. 31, 1835. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The President nominated Colonel Juan Galindo, of Central America, for Corresponding Member of the Society.

Mr. ISAAC P. DAVIS informed the Society that Israel Thorndike, Esq., presented to the Society the portraits of Columbus and General Washington, which he had left in deposit at the meeting in November last. Whereupon,

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to Mr. Thorndike for his liberal donation.

The Committee to whom was referred at the last meeting the petition of Mr. James Herring, of New York, made the following report, which was read and accepted, viz. : —

Mr. James Herring's application, presented at the last meeting of the Society, requesting the aid of this Society in his contemplated work, to be entitled "Illustrations of American History," having been considered, it is thereupon

* A Corresponding Member. — EDS.

Voted, That this Society regard with interest and approbation the laudable views and intentions of Mr. Herring, as expressed in his communication, and that he be permitted to copy such pictures as now are, or may be, in the possession of the Society, and allowed all necessary use for his purpose of any materials which may be in their Library or Cabinet, subject to such regulations and restrictions as the Librarian and Cabinet-Keeper may, with the advice and concurrence of the Standing Committee, enjoin for the preservation and protection from injury of any articles, the property of the Society, of which the use may be considered requisite for the accomplishment of Mr. Herring's intended performance.

The Recording Secretary reported verbally that he had been informed by a member of the American Antiquarian Society that the Council were of the opinion that the evidence of the property of the Massachusetts Historical Society in White Kennett's "American Library" is satisfactory and conclusive, and that he had received a letter from William Lincoln, Esq., who states that he will return the book to our Library.

Rev. Mr. YOUNG was chosen a member of the Publishing Committee, in the place of Mr. Edward Everett, who was excused at his own request.

Voted, That the Publishing Committee for the next volume be requested and empowered to elect their own chairman.

Voted, That said Committee be directed to prepare and publish the fifth volume of the third series as soon as practicable.

Rev. Mr. FRANCIS was chosen a member of the Standing Committee, in the place of Nathan Appleton, Esq., absent from the country.

The Standing Committee nominated James Thacher, M.D., of Plymouth, and Rev. Samuel Sewall, of Burlington, for election as Resident Members of the Society.

Duc de MONTMORENCY and M. CÉSAR MOREAU, of Paris, Dr. J. SMYTH ROGERS, of Hartford, ERASTUS SMITH, Esq., of Connecticut, M. SCHLEGEL and FINN MAGNUSEN, of Copenhagen, Denmark, were chosen Corresponding Members of the Society.

On motion of Mr. SHATTUCK,

Voted, That a committee of three be chosen to petition the Legislature of Massachusetts, if the committee sees fit, in behalf of this Society, that provision be made to have the public papers and documents in the State House systematically arranged and bound, for the purpose of easy reference and safe preservation.

The President, Judge DAVIS, and Mr. SHATTUCK were chosen upon this committee.

Mr. SHATTUCK, in behalf of the publishers of Mr. Sparks's "Life, &c., of Washington," proposed an exchange of the same with the Society for the Society's Collections. Whereupon,

Voted, To accept the offer, and that the exchange be made accordingly.

The Librarian announced donations to the Society by Messrs. George W. Heard, Abner Bourne, James Savage, Judge Thacher, James T. Austin, and the Congress of the United States.

A communication was received from the Rev. Robert Folger Wallcut, by whose instrumentality Mr. Thomas Wallcut was induced to give his library to the Society, requesting that Mr. Kent B. Stratford, a nephew of the donor, might have the privilege of selecting a few volumes as a remembrance of his uncle. This being according to the understanding when the books were received, it was

Voted, That permission to this effect be granted, under the direction of the Recording Secretary and Librarian, who shall furnish said Stratford with such books as they may see fit.

Rev. Mr. FRANCIS was chosen a member of the Committee for publishing Vol. V. of the third series of the Collections, in place of Mr. Hale, who, at his own request, was excused.

The letter of Dr. Dewhurst, which, at the last meeting, was referred to the Corresponding Secretary, was, by a vote of the Society, laid upon the table.

The Librarian informed the Society that he had forwarded to Dr. Julius a complete set of the Society's Collections, for the Royal Library in Berlin.

Present — The President, Austin, Bradford, I. P. Davis, Judge Davis, A. H. Everett, Felt, Francis, Harris, Lowell, Mitchell, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, Willard, Young, Worcester, and Sir John Caldwell.

MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1836.

Jan. 28, 1836. The President being absent, Judge DAVIS was appointed President *pro tempore*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Dr. J. S. Rogers, accepting his election as Corresponding Member of the Society.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. William Lincoln, John Stark, Marsh, Capen, & Lyon, "A Friend," and the Rhode Island Historical Society.

Mr. DAVIS read a letter from Professor Palfrey, presenting to the Library an entire copy of the "North American Review," from 1825 to the present time. Whereupon,

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to Mr. Palfrey for his liberal donation.

The Librarian was directed to cause the volumes presented by Mr. Palfrey to be bound uniformly with the rest of the set.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to the Committee by whose exertions the Society's copy of Kennett's "American Library" has been obtained from the American Antiquarian Society.

In the absence of the Chairman of the Committee on the subject of petitioning the Legislature to take measures to preserve the old papers and documents in the State House, Judge DAVIS informed the Society that the Committee have had no meeting, and stated some considerations which rendered it expedient to defer immediate action.

Information having been given to the Society that the Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop had presented to it a picture of the Hon. John Davis,* late its President, thereupon,

Voted, That the Secretary address a letter to the Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop, expressive of their thanks for this and for many other evidences they possess of his attention and zeal in promoting the objects and advancing the interests of this Society.

A letter from Professor Rafn, Secretary of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of the North, at Copenhagen, in relation to their intended publication of the "Antiqui-

* See Vol. I. p. 273, for halotype copy of this portrait. — Eds.

ties, &c., of America," was read, and referred to the Corresponding Secretary.*

Voted, That the third series of the Collections of this Society be presented to the Quebec Historical Society, who have presented to us their Collections.

Colonel JUAN GALINDO, of Central America, was elected a Corresponding Member of this Society. JAMES THACHER, M.D., of Plymouth, and Rev. SAMUEL SEWALL, of Burlington, were elected Resident Members.

Rev. Dr. HOLMES communicated to the Society a copy of a statute of Rhode Island, in 1783, repealing the clause in the law of March, 1663-4, which excluded Roman Catholics from admission as freemen of that Colony, as proof of the correctness of his statement in his "American Annals" that Roman Catholics were thus excluded, which statement had been called in question. Whereupon,

Voted, That the paper communicated by Dr. Holmes be referred to the Publishing Committee of Vol. V., third series, and that it be published in that volume.†

Mr. WORCESTER, in behalf of the Publishing Committee, requested some instructions from the Society in relation to the printing of Vol. V. And, after some discussion,

Voted, To refer the whole matter to the said Committee, they to have regard to the Society's obligations to the public as to the price of

* Professor Rafn's letter, dated Nov. 19, 1835, is on file. In it he expresses the hope that their Society's great work, "Antiquitates Americanæ," the compiling and printing of which was commenced so many years ago, would be completed by the summer of 1836. He solicits the favor of making the Corresponding Secretary of the Historical Society a medium of communication with the subscribers of the work. — Eds.

† See pp. 243 and 244 of that volume. — Eds.

the volume, in determining the size of the volume, the printing, the correction of the press, &c.

Present — Choate, Codman, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gray, Holmes, Jenks, Lowell, Mitchell, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Sparks, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Feb. 25, 1836. In the absence of the President, Judge DAVIS was chosen President *pro tempore*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian announced donations from Messrs. Alexander Young, Josiah Adams, Joseph E. Worcester, Paine Wingate, Thomas L. Winthrop, Edward Everett, Nahum Mitchell, and Samuel P. Gardner.

Dr. LOWELL, from the Committee on the Lectures, reported in part; and, on his motion,

Voted, That a letter of thanks be sent to each of the gentlemen who lectured, and that they severally be respectfully requested to deposit copies of their lectures in the Library of the Society.

Voted, That the same Committee — viz., Messrs. C. Lowell, I. P. Davis, and J. Willard — be authorized and requested to make provision for the Society's course of lectures for the ensuing season.

Mr. WORCESTER, from the Publishing Committee, read the names of deceased members of the Society of whom notices had not been prepared for the Collections, and requested the Society's instructions upon the subject. Whereupon, after some discussion, it was

Voted, To refer the whole matter touching memoirs of deceased members to Messrs. Quincy, Savage, and Lowell, with directions to report thereupon.

The subject of Governor Bernard's letter-books having been again brought to the notice of the Society, and it being supposed that these letter-books are still in the possession of Mr. O. Rich, of London,

Voted, That Colonel Aspinwall, who is now present, be requested, on his return to England, to attend to this subject, and give the Society information in relation to these volumes, the nature of their contents, the terms on which they may be purchased, &c.

The Librarian and Mr. FELT, pursuant to a vote passed at the meeting in August, 1835, made a further report of their progress in preparing a catalogue of the Library; which report was read and ordered to be placed on file and be recorded. It is as follows, viz. : —

Boston, Feb. 25, 1836.

Our labors have been continued since we last reported in making a catalogue of books, and also in arranging the manuscripts. For the past month, our attention has been chiefly given, on the usual days, to the books. This enables us to make less tardy advance than previously. We hope at the close of three months more to say that we have gotten through. Very respectfully submitted,

NAHUM MITCHELL, *Librarian*.
JOSEPH B. FELT.

Voted, That the Librarian cause a complete set of the Society's Collections to be bound, and so to be lettered as to designate that they are not to be taken out from the Library.

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary prepare and cause to be printed a form of letter to be sent to gentlemen who shall be elected members of this Society, informing them of their election.

Present — Aspinwall,* J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gardner, Gray, Harris, C. Lowell, Mitchell,

* A Corresponding Member, chosen in July, 1833. — *Ens*.

Pierce, Quincy, Savage, Shaw, Upham, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

March 31, 1836. In the absence of the President, Judge DAVIS was chosen President *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Dr. J. Smyth Rogers, of Hartford, Connecticut, accepting his election as a Corresponding Member; also, a letter from Rev. Samuel Sewall, of Burlington, Mass., accepting his election as a Resident Member; also, one from Dr. James Thacher, of Plymouth, Mass., declining his election, on account of his age, &c.

Rev. Dr. LOWELL, from the Committee on Lectures, reported that he had received letters from several of the gentlemen who have lectured, part of whom were willing to deposit copies of their lectures, in pursuance of the desire of the Society, and that others felt some reluctance upon the subject.* He also reported upon the last course of lectures, and the receipts from the same, which was accepted and ordered to be recorded :

The Committee appointed in December, 1834, have fulfilled the duty assigned to them, and report that an able and highly interesting course of lectures has been delivered by ten gentle-

* These letters are on file. The labor in arranging for the several courses of lectures delivered before the Society was not small. A large amount of correspondence with learned gentlemen, both within and without the State, exists in the Secretary's archives. — Eds.

men, members of the Society. The first two were given by Mr. Edward Everett, on the fourth Tuesday in November and the first Tuesday in December; subjects, "Mexico" and "Peru." The third, by Mr. W. Sullivan, on the second Tuesday in December; subject, "The Feudal Law." The fourth, by Dr. Palfrey, on the third Tuesday in December; subject, "The Capture of Louisburg." The fifth and sixth, by Mr. Alexander H. Everett, on the fourth and fifth Tuesday in December; subjects, "The French Revolution" and "The Revolution of the Three Days." The seventh and eighth, by Mr. Upham, on the first and second Tuesday in January; subject, "Sir George Downing." The ninth, by Mr. Felt, on the third Tuesday in January; subject, "Sir Edmund Andros's Administration in Massachusetts." The tenth, by Mr. F. C. Gray, on the fourth Tuesday in January; subject, "The History of the Pilgrims." The eleventh, by Mr. Austin, on the first Tuesday in February; subject, "The First Provincial Congress in Massachusetts." The twelfth, by Mr. Gray, on the second Tuesday in February; subject, "The History of the Pilgrims." The thirteenth, by Mr. Pickering, on the third Tuesday in February; subject, "The Islands of the Indian Ocean, as connected with the Original Population of the American Continent." The fourteenth, by Mr. King, on the fourth Tuesday in February; subject, "The Sources and Uses of History."*

The whole amount received for tickets is \$867

Expenses for room, tickets, and advertisements . . . 251

Leaving a balance in favor of the Society . . . \$616

Per order,

CHARLES LOWELL,

Chairman of the Committee.

* The lectures in the course for 1835-6 were delivered at the Masonic Temple. The Committee were Charles Lowell, I. P. Davis, and Joseph Willard. — Eds.

The Librarian communicated donations from President Quincy, Dr. Jacob Porter, the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, the Librarian, William Sullivan, Rev. Alexander Young, I. P. Davis, John Farmer, Daniel Webster, Rev. Andrew Bigelow, and Dr. Gamaliel Bradford.

A letter from Henry R. Schoolcraft to Governor Winthrop, on the subject of publishing in the Collections Mr. Schoolcraft's proposed Dissertation and Vocabulary of the Abenaki and Ogibwa Languages, was referred to the Publishing Committee of Vol. V., third series, to report thereupon.

Messrs. F. C. GRAY and N. MITCHELL were appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts and report at the next meeting.

Voted, To instruct the Publishing Committee of Vol. V., third series, to procure and insert in that volume a lithograph of Colonel Pilkington's drawing of those present at a table-talk between the American Commissioners and the Indians of Buffalo Creek, on Lake Erie; also, to print the accompanying documents.*

The Librarian was instructed to send to each member of the Society each new volume of the Collections as published, with a bill of one dollar for such volume to accompany it, and to account to the Treasurer for all moneys he may receive.

Present — Judge Davis, Felt, Francis, Gardner, Harris, Jenks, Lowell, Mitchell, Pierce, Quincy, Savage, Willard, and Young.

* The drawing referred to may be found in the volume mentioned, at p. 176.
— EDS.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1836.

April 28, 1836. In the absence of the President, Mr. Quincy was chosen President *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Publishing Committee, to whom was referred the letter from Mr. Schoolcraft at the last meeting, reported, —

That, in their opinion, the Dissertation on the Ojibwa language, with a vocabulary of the same, contemplated by Mr. Schoolcraft, would be a suitable and valuable contribution to our Collections, and that he be requested to proceed and complete the work, and transmit it to the Society for publication.

Voted, That the President be requested to communicate to Mr. Schoolcraft the request of the Society.*

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts made the following report, viz. : —

The undersigned, a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society to examine the accounts of their Treasurer, James Savage, for the year past, having this day performed the service, report that the accounts are well kept, sufficiently vouched, and correctly cast, and that thereby a balance appears in favor of the Society of the sum of seventy-four dollars and four cents.†

F. C. GRAY,
NAHUM MITCHELL, } *Committee.*

Boston, April 28, 1836.

* Mr. Schoolcraft's Dissertation never appeared in the Society's Collections. — Eds.

† The receipts for the year amounted to \$2,123.50. Of this sum \$1,300 were borrowed on the Treasurer's note; \$556 were received on account of the lectures;

Judge DAVIS communicated a letter from Colonel Thomas H. Perkins, accompanying a volume of Mather's "Magnalia," placed in his hands by Dr. Thomas Newell, of England, to be placed in such literary society as Colonel Perkins might choose to select, and by him presented to this Society. Whereupon,

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to Dr. Newell and to Colonel Perkins for this donation.

Judge DAVIS accompanied the donation with some written remarks, which were read and prefixed to the volume.*

\$124.50 for admission fees and assessments, and in settlement of an old account; \$87 from sales of books; and \$30 from rent to the Phrenological Society. The payments amounted to \$1,998.96, — of which sum \$646.84 were in repayment of loans and for interest; \$34.82 for insurance and taxes; \$130.26 for services; and nearly the whole of the remainder for printing and binding. — Eds.

* Judge Davis has pasted the following memorandum, in his own hand, inside the cover of the book:—

"Boston, April 28, 1836.

"The copy of Mather's 'Magnalia' presented to the Massachusetts Historical Society by Hon. Thomas H. Perkins, in behalf of Dr. Thomas Newell, of Cheltenham, England, was originally owned by Samuel Mather, of Witney, Oxfordshire, England, as appears by his autograph on the first fly-leaf. He was the youngest son of Dr. Increase Mather, and we find his name in the Class of 1690, Harvard College Catalogue. Rev. John Higginson, in his attestation prefixed to the 'Magnalia,' mentions him with this brief remark: 'He is now a publick preacher.'

"This copy of the 'Magnalia' is superior to those which we ordinarily see, being what bibliographical amateurs denominate a 'tall copy,' having a wide margin. The numerous manuscript entries in the margin of the first part of the volume, and the accompanying marks over, or in connection with, the text, indicate an intention of compiling an abridgment, probably never accomplished, as they are not extended throughout the volume.

"Some copies of the 'Magnalia' contain a list of *errata*. The worthy editor of the Hartford edition, published in 1820, unfortunately did not avail himself of those corrections. His copy, probably, did not contain the list. The corrections indicated in that list I have inserted with red pencil in the margin of the copy presented by Dr. Newell. J. DAVIS."

Judge Davis speaks of this copy as being what bibliographers would call a "tall copy." It is, indeed; being within the covers fifteen inches, lacking one-sixteenth of an inch, "tall," and nine inches wide. — Eds.

A case containing matrices for types, formerly the property of Dr. Franklin, forwarded to Mr. I. P. Davis by W. S. Duane, Esq., of Philadelphia, with a request that Mr. Davis would deposit the same "wherever he may suppose it will be most acceptable and carefully preserved," was presented to this Society by Mr. DAVIS.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Mr. Duane, and also to Mr. Davis, for this acceptable present.

Mr. QUINCY, from the Committee on the subject of Memoirs of deceased Members, appointed at the meeting in February last, made a written report, referring to the Society's declaration of their duty in this respect, as appears by the Society's Collections for 1799, and stating in substance that there are many deceased members of whom no obituary notice has appeared, of whom there are those deserving distinguished notice, and that the principle adopted by the Society in 1799 ought to be carried into effect.* This report was read and accepted, together with the following votes proposed by the Committee, viz. : * —

1. *Voted*, That a committee be appointed, with authority to cause to be inserted in the Society's Collections such notices of all those members already deceased, of whom no notice has yet been taken in these Collections, as they shall deem just and appropriate; and that, in respect to those whom they shall deem entitled to an especial notice,

* Mr. Quincy's report, at length, is on file. He has included in it a list of thirty-nine members, who, he thinks, come within the Society's recognized rule of obligation to prepare memoirs of deceased (resident) members. He finds that twelve of the memoirs had been assigned, and were in course of preparation. The remainder were unprovided for. His list embraced some eight members who had resigned or removed from the State before their decease, to whom the Society's rule as interpreted does not apply, and one, of whom a notice had already been published. — Eds.

it shall be the duty and authority of this committee to apply to such person as they may deem peculiarly qualified to prepare such special memorial, in the name of this Society, and to cause the same, when prepared, to be delivered to the Publishing Committee of the Society for insertion in its Collections.

2. *Voted*, That in respect of members who may hereafter decease, it shall be the duty of the Committee of Publications, on being informed of such event in relation to any member, immediately to consider and determine the degree of notice which ought to be taken of him by this Society, and cause it to be prepared and inserted in the Society's Collections as soon as possible; and for this purpose they shall have full authority to apply, in the name of this Society, to any person whom they may deem peculiarly qualified for such task, and who can be induced to undertake it, and, on its being performed, to insert the same in the next volume of the Historical Collections.

On the first of the foregoing votes, Messrs. QUINCY, SAVAGE, and LOWELL were appointed, with instructions to report at the next meeting their selection of a committee.*

Messrs. QUINCY, SAVAGE, and LOWELL were also appointed a committee to prepare a list of the members of the Society from the beginning, to be inserted in the Collections.†

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Melvin Lord, Edward Everett, Convers Francis, Dr. Channing, Leonard Bliss, W. H. Gardner, S. G. Drake, William S. Pendleton, the Corresponding Secretary, M. Carey, J. B. Felt, and S. M. Worcester.

The following gentlemen were elected officers of the Society for the ensuing year: —

* This Nominating Committee did not report at the next meeting, and, in fact, apparently never acted. See pp. 103, 115, 509, note. — Eds.

† A list of living Resident Members was prepared for the volume published this year (Vol. V. of the third series) and may be found on pp. 299, 300. — Eds.

THOMAS L. WINTHROP	PRESIDENT.
JOSEPH WILLARD	RECORDING SECRETARY.
CHARLES LOWELL	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JAMES SAVAGE	TREASURER.
NAHUM MITCHELL	LIBRARIAN.
ISAAC P. DAVIS	CABINET-KEEPER.
JAMES SAVAGE	} STANDING COMMITTEE.
FRANCIS C. GRAY	
JAMES T. AUSTIN	
CONVERS FRANCIS	
JARED SPARKS	

Mr. Quincy being called from the meeting, Judge DAVIS was requested to take the chair.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be requested to select a Publishing Committee to prepare Vol. VI., third series, for the press.

Dr. Palfrey nominated Judge Henry A. Bullard, of Louisiana, President of the Historical Society of Louisiana, for Corresponding Member. Mr. Willard nominated Richard Biddle, Esq., of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, author of the "Memoir of Sebastian Cabot," for a Corresponding Member. The Standing Committee nominated Daniel Appleton White, of Salem, as Resident Member.

On motion of I. P. DAVIS, Esq.,

Voted, That the Society present to Mr. Felt a bound copy of the entire set of their Collections as a testimony of their thanks for his laborious and valuable services in arranging the Library.

The Librarian and Recording Secretary were directed to accompany the present with a suitable inscription.

Present — Austin, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gray, C. Lowell, Mitchell, Palfrey, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

JOSEPH WILLARD,
Recording Secretary.

MONTHLY MEETING.

May 26, 1836. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The following gentlemen were chosen members of the Society: viz., Judge HENRY A. BULLARD, of Louisiana, and RICHARD BIDDLE, Esq., of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, Corresponding Members; and Hon. DANIEL APPLETON WHITE, of Salem, Massachusetts, a Resident Member.

The Librarian communicated donations from the following gentlemen: viz., Mr. Savage, Mr. Solomon Lincoln, George Whitney, Mr. Seth Chandler, and John Vaughan.

Voted, That the request of William Brigham, Esq., for permission to take from the Library two copies of the "Laws of Plymouth Colony," to aid him in the publication of the laws of that Colony, be granted, provided that Mr. Brigham shall not permit these copies to be used in any printing-office.

Also, *voted*, That, under the same restrictions, the request of Rev. William B. O. Peabody to take from the Library such works as may be important in preparing a Life of Cotton Mather, be granted.*

The third quarterly report of the Librarian and Mr. Felt, pursuant to the vote in August last, was read and accepted, and is as follows:—

The number, nature, order, and use of a Society's literary collections conduce very much to form the impression of its character made on the public mind. In view of this fact, our own body were pleased to appoint the subscribers for record-

* See Sparks's Library of American Biography, VI. 168. — Eps.

ing their books and arranging their manuscripts. When last giving an account of our proceedings, we expected, as well as desired, to have finished our work before this time, but a necessary hinderance has disappointed our anticipation. Still, we have done the best our circumstances allowed. Should opportunity present for further labor of this kind, we shall improve it without delay. As to our progress, we offer the following: When we commenced, from one-quarter to one-third of the bound volumes were designated on the Catalogue. A large portion of these contained pamphlets and tracts. Each book of such a portion had one or two of its principal pamphlets or tracts specified on the Catalogue as a running title, and the rest of them omitted. Such a deficiency we have partly supplied. In reference to this mode, supposing it better than none, when time allowed it to be no more particular, we have adopted it to some extent. When this adoption has been made, we have placed a note at the end of the records that the volumes to which they relate are to be more particularly specified. The other part of the books which we have put down on the Catalogue are fully denominated. We suppose that about three-fourths of the Library stand thus noted. As it respects manuscript papers, they have been arranged according to their respective years. They are now regularly deposited in Case No. 21. A considerable bundle of Connecticut statistics, which, on their first external appearance, seemed of little worth, are very valuable. They are in Case No. 30. Those papers and this bundle are richly worth being bound in volumes, with suitable indices. Indeed, if we desire that the most important of them should remain in our archives for any length of time, they must be so preserved. With respect to the other manuscripts, both published and unpublished, they are in Cases No. 29 and 31. Some of all our collections, whether in print or manuscript, appear to be missing. This truth, so lamentably prevalent in all kindred institutions, suggests to us the question

whether there should not be full as much carefulness in having whatever is taken out from our Library annually returned, and as frequent an examination of all its contents rigidly made, and an account of the result speedily presented, as is found necessary in other similar associations. Having it as among our chief wishes and endeavors that our Society may steadily and increasingly rise in its well-earned fame, we respectfully submit this report.*

NAHUM MITCHELL, *Librarian*.

JOSEPH B. FELT.

Boston, May 26, 1836.

* One of the most important duties connected with a proper administration of a library is the furnishing a catalogue of the books and manuscripts in it, with shelf-marks to indicate where they may be found. A library is comparatively useless without such a catalogue; and few persons not immediately conversant with such duties are aware of its importance, or of the care, labor, and expense involved in preparing and keeping up such an index. It is a work never finished.

The first Catalogue of the Society (see Proceedings, I. 103) was printed in 1796, in a small octavo volume of forty pages. The original manuscript, or the transcript ordered, now exists. A copy of this printed volume, interleaved, with shelf-marks entered in the margin, served the Society for some years. On the title-page of this copy is written, in the hand of the Rev. Dr. T. M. Harris, "The property of the Society; to lie on the table for the use of the members, it being the only copy with references to the places of the books." In 1811, the Society printed a new Catalogue, consisting of ninety-six pages, in octavo size, in double columns, made by the Rev. Timothy Alden, Jr., sufficiently described on p. 221, as above. This Catalogue formed the basis of all the attempts to furnish an index to the Library, until the preparation by the late Dr. Appleton of the excellent Catalogue of books, printed in two volumes, in 1859 and 1860. The original manuscript, in Mr. Alden's hand, is now in the Library. Two years after the printing of Mr. Alden's Catalogue, its leaves were pasted on several large folio sheets of paper, with shelf-marks, and with accessions entered on the bottom of the page. A memorandum on it shows that it was begun Aug. 2, 1813, and finished November 12 of the same year. After this, a thick quarto volume was procured, and slips of the Alden Catalogue pasted in it, in single columns, leaving a large margin for the accessions and shelf-marks. This served for several years longer. Subsequently, another quarto volume was procured for a like purpose, but was little used, while there was prepared a small thin book, called a supplement to the Catalogue, in which accessions were entered. Finally, a large, oblong volume, sixteen inches by twenty inches in size, was procured, in which the leaves of the Alden Catalogue were pasted, as before, giving room for the entry of large additions. On this the labors of Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Felt, and Dr. Harris were bestowed. Probably the manuscript

Messrs. MITCHELL and FELT were appointed a committee to prepare for binding, and cause to be bound in volumes, the Society's manuscripts.

Voted, That the attention of the Standing Committee be particularly called to Article IV. of Chapter III. of the Society's Rules and Regulations, and that the same be duly enforced.

Also, *voted*, That all books be called in fourteen days before the April meeting in each year, under a penalty of one dollar for each volume not so returned.

Rev. Dr. HOLMES stated that the Winthrop manuscript catalogue of the graduates of Harvard University, which had been supposed to be the property of the Society, had been called for by Abraham Hilliard, Esq., in behalf of Mr. Winthrop's heirs. Whereupon,

Voted, That Rev. Dr. Holmes be appointed a committee to endeavor to obtain a donation of this manuscript from the said heirs for this Society.

additions made in each previous catalogue were recopied into each subsequent catalogue, so that the labor was each time repeated. This large volume was unwieldy, and had a tendency to fall to pieces by its own weight. It served the Society, as has been already mentioned, for many years, or until the completion of Dr. Appleton's Catalogue. It now exists, in fragments, as a specimen of the clumsy attempts to furnish an index for a growing library.

Manuscripts were inserted in the original Alden Catalogue of 1811, but that part of the list does not appear in the last interleaved copy of it, described above. Probably the most that was now done by the Librarian and his assistants to render the miscellaneous manuscripts accessible was the placing a large number of them in volumes, and indexing them. It will be seen further on that Mr. Snelling rendered faithful service in this respect, many of the volumes of manuscripts bearing evidence of his active pen in indexing their contents. Unfortunately he did not adopt the alphabetical order in his work. The Society has at this time a large number of volumes of manuscripts in its cupboards, neither indexed nor catalogued. But a Committee, appointed last year for the purpose, has directed that all the manuscripts shall be catalogued, and the work is in progress.

It may be added that, in 1834, a "Catalogue of Pamphlets from the Athenæum" (see Proceedings, I. 451, 452, 455, 457, and 479) was made out, on large folio sheets, stitched; also, about the same time, a separate "Catalogue of Pamphlets and Tracts belonging to Massachusetts Historical Society," was made, perhaps in reference to an exchange with the Athenæum, by the same person. — *End.*

A communication was read, directed to the President of the Society, from M. Eugène Arnoult, of Paris, entitling himself "Director of the Journal of the Institute," requesting for his volumes from time to time an account of the sittings and transactions of this Society, and also a copy of their published volumes, that he may publish an analysis of their contents in his Journal, according to his plan of publishing periodically an account of French and foreign societies, and of their scientific labors, embracing mathematics, physics, the natural sciences, history, and philosophy; also, requesting the Society to subscribe to the Institute. Whereupon,

Voted, To refer this communication to Messrs. Pickering and Willard to report thereupon.*

On motion of Mr. DAVIS,

Voted, That the Otis papers, consisting of accounts, writs, and other court papers, &c., be delivered to William F. Otis, Esq.†

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary, in publishing the list of donations made from May 1835 to 1836, may adopt such a course with regard to giving a particular description of each donation, or otherwise, as he may see fit.

* The title of M. Arnoult's journal was "L'Institut, Journal Général des Sociétés et Travaux Scientifiques de la France et de L'Étranger." It was not the official organ of any particular society, but a private affair. The first number was published at "Paris, 18 Mai, 1833." It was issued weekly. The editor says: "L'Institut est l'organe des académies et sociétés scientifiques de tous les pays," &c. Harvard College Library has a copy from the commencement to the year 1857. — Eds.

† The Society selected from these papers what they regarded as of historical value, returning those of a more private nature (see letter of Dr. T. M. Harris, on file); yet there are in the Library three volumes of "Otis Papers," corresponding in part to the above description. Some twenty-five years ago, when the writer of this note was chairman of the Standing Committee, these papers were found in the attic of the Society's building, loose and scattered in various receptacles, and he caused them to be collected and placed in volumes. — Eds.

Mr. I. P. Davis nominated J. K. Paulding, Esq., of the city of New York, for a Corresponding Member.

Present — The President, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Holmes, Lincoln, Mitchell, Palfrey, Pickering, Savage, Shaw, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

June 30, 1836. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Hon. Daniel Appleton White, of Salem, accepting his election.

The Recording Secretary read a letter from Theodore Lyman, Jr., Esq., resigning his situation as a member of the Society. Whereupon,

Voted, To accept the same.

The Recording Secretary communicated a letter from Dr. Holmes, the Committee on the Winthrop Catalogues, with a copy of the receipt he gave to the executors of Mr. Winthrop when the catalogues were transmitted to the Society, by which it appears that they were merely loaned to the Society, to be redelivered on demand to James Andrews and others, the residuary legatees; and the letter further stated that the writer had not been able to see Mr. Andrews or the other heirs, but would attend to the business soon.*

* Dr. Holmes's letter, dated June 28, 1836, describes these Winthrop papers, in conformity with a receipt which he gave for them, as "deceased's manuscript catalogue of the graduates of Harvard College; fourteen other catalogues, which were said deceased's, containing written memoranda by him relating to

Dr. Lowell nominated Hon. Levi Woodbury, Secretary of the Treasury, for a Corresponding Member.

J. K. PAULDING, Esq., of the city of New York, was elected Corresponding Member, — ISAAC P. DAVIS, Esq., Scrutinizing Committee.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Royal Academy of Sciences at Lisbon, American Philosophical Society, Hon. Abbott Lawrence, Hon. John Davis, of Worcester, and the Legislature of Massachusetts.

Rev. Dr. Jenks was allowed to take out from the Library Mather's manuscript "Illustrations of Scripture," and D'Herbelot's "Bibliothèque Orientale," in four volumes.

The Recording Secretary deposited a manuscript index of Vol. II., third series of the Collections, which he obtained from the papers of the late Dr. Snow, and which appears to have been prepared by him as one of the Committee on the General Index of the third decade.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be requested forthwith to appoint a Publishing Committee for Vol. VI., third series, pursuant to the vote at the last April meeting, and also to report at what time the annual volume shall be published.*

Present — The President, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Holmes, C. Lowell, Mitchell, Jenks, Pierce, Savage, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

said graduates; two large files of papers, written by said deceased and others, containing facts and information concerning said graduates; and another file of papers, written by said deceased and others, containing facts and information relating to the Winthrop family." — Eds.

* Rev. John Prince, LL.D., a Resident Member, died June 7, 1836. A memoir of him by Mr. C. W. Upham is in 3 Collections, V. 271-282. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

July 28, 1836. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The vote of April last, in reference to the preparation of a list of members for the Collections, was referred to the Publishing Committee.

Dr. HOLMES reported that he had conferred with Mr. Andrews, who is well disposed in the matter of the Winthrop catalogue and the accompanying pamphlets, but is unable to act without the consent of the other heirs.*

Dr. HOLMES also communicated, for President Alden, an inquiry as to what had become of the manuscript "Narrative of Gibson's Captivity," with a request that it might be returned, if it were not to be printed.†

President Alden also, through Dr. Holmes, requested permission to nominate for Corresponding Member, Rev. Luther Halsey, D.D., Professor of Theology in the Western Theological Seminary at Alleghany, near Pittsburg.

Hon. HENRY CLAY, of Lexington, Kentucky, who was regularly nominated for Corresponding Member at the meeting in October, 1833, by the President, and the Rev. President WILLIAM ALLEN, D.D., of Bowdoin College, Maine, who was regularly nominated for Corresponding Member, in June, 1834, by Rev. Dr. Codman,

* See further, in this volume, respecting these Winthrop papers, under a later date. — Eds.

† The "Narrative" is printed in 3 Collections, VL 141-153. — Eds.

were elected at this meeting, the Society having accidentally omitted to act upon said nominations at the proper time.

Hon. LEVI WOODBURY, Secretary of the Treasury, was also chosen Corresponding Member, — Dr. BRADFORD, the Scrutinizing Committee.

The Standing Committee nominated William Gibbs, Esq., of Lexington, and Josiah Bartlett, M.D., of Concord, for Resident Members.

The following report of the Standing Committee on the subjects committed to them at the meetings in April and June last was read and accepted, viz. : —

The Standing Committee, under instructions of the Society directed to report the time at which the annual volume shall be published, and also to appoint a Publishing Committee for preparing Vol. VI. of the third series, having attended to the subjects, report, — that it seems difficult to determine the time when all future volumes shall be published, because many incidents may intervene to delay the accomplishment of the services of the respective committees, but that it would be desirable to have the volumes in each year hereafter published by the period of the annual Commencement at Harvard University. And they also propose for the Committee of Publication of the next volume, Hon. Nahum Mitchell, Rev. Alexander Young, Mr. Lemuel Shattuck, and Rev. Samuel Sewall.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES SAVAGE,
For the Standing Committee.

Boston, July 28, 1836.

Mr. WILLARD, in the absence of Mr. Pickering, reported in part on the subject of M. Arnoult's communication referred to them at the May meeting, and asked leave for further time to complete their duty.

The Recording Secretary, in the absence of the Librarian, communicated donations from Colonel Samuel Swett, Messrs. Levi Woodbury, Alexander Young, Peter Force, and the Publishers of the "New York Spectator."

The Recording Secretary informed the Society that, at the April meeting in 1823, Messrs. Nichols, Merrill, Spooner, Jr., and Bowdoin were appointed a committee to prepare the index to the third series of the Collections; and that, in October, 1829, Dr. Snow was appointed in the room of Mr. Spooner, deceased; and that now Messrs. Nichols and Merrill are the only surviving members. Whereupon,

Voted, That Messrs. Nichols and Merrill be requested to nominate and report to the Society the names of two gentlemen to fill the vacancies occasioned by the death of Messrs. Bowdoin and Snow.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to the Royal Academy of Sciences at Lisbon for their liberal donation of a copy of their publications.

Also, *voted*, That a copy of this Society's Collections be presented to the Royal Academy of Sciences at Lisbon.

Present—The President, Adams, Bradford, Felt, Francis, Holmes, C. Lowell, Palfrey, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Sewall, Shaw, Sparks, Upham, White, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Aug. 30, 1836. The President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Judge MITCHELL was appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

WILLIAM GIBBS, Esq., of Lexington, and JOSIAH BARTLETT, M.D., of Concord, were elected Resident Members,—Rev. Mr. YOUNG and I. P. DAVIS, Esq., Scrutinizing Committee.

Mr. SAVAGE informed the Society that he should renew the policy of insurance on the building in Franklin Place, unless he should receive orders to the contrary.

Voted, That the Librarian and I. P. Davis, Esq., be a committee to say to what institutions the present and future volumes of our Collections shall be presented.

The Librarian communicated donations from Dr. Thacher, of Plymouth, Governor Everett, B. B. Edwards, the Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries, at Copenhagen, Hon. Abbott Lawrence, the Legislature of Massachusetts, Rev. Dr. Codman, Messrs. Melvin Lord and Joseph Willard.

Present—The President, Bradford, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gardner, Gray, Harris, C. Lowell, Mitchell, Ripley, Shaw, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Sept. 29, 1836. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

Dr. LOWELL read letters from Hon. Levi Woodbury, of Washington, and Sharon Turner, Esq., of England,*

* The letter of Sharon Turner is printed on pp. 13 and 14 of this Volume.
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accepting their election as Corresponding Members, and also communicated the acceptance of Richard Biddle, Esq., of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Dr. BRADFORD stated that the catalogue containing the births, &c., in Cambridge, which he had found in his possession, and had presented to the Society, belonged to the old volume of records in the old book in the City Clerk's office. Whereupon,

Voted, That the same be sent to the office, to be placed in the book where it originally belonged.

Mr. I. P. DAVIS communicated a letter from Rev. Chandler Robbins, accompanying a donation of the portraits of Mr. Welsteed and Rev. Samuel Cooper.

He also communicated a letter from John Vaughan, Esq., Librarian of the American Philosophical Society, stating that Vol. V., third series, of our Collections had been received, but that Vols. III. and IV. of the same series could not be found. Whereupon,

Voted, To forward these volumes to the Philosophical Society.

Mr. NICHOLS, from the Committee on the Index to the third series, moved that Messrs. Young and Lincoln be appointed to supply the vacancies occasioned by the death of Messrs. Bowdoin and Snow. Whereupon,

Voted, That Messrs. Young and Lincoln be of said Committee.

Mr. Young afterward was excused at his own request, and Mr. GIBBS was chosen in his stead.

Mr. WILLARD communicated a letter from J. Francis Fisher, Esq., Corresponding Secretary of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, accompanying a donation of the last half of Vol. III. of their Collections, with a

request to be informed whether our copy of their Collections was complete, and requesting a copy of our Collections.

He also communicated a letter from John Farmer, Esq., accompanying the original deeds of the Indian sachems to Rev. John Wheelwright, &c., of Exeter, in 1638 and 1639, with permission to have the same lithographed for the next volume (VI., third series) of the Collections, if desired, and if it could be done without injury, and it was

Voted, To refer the subject to the Publishing Committee of that volume.*

* The following is Mr. Farmer's letter:—

"BOSTON, Sept. 28, 1836.

"JOSEPH WILLARD, Esq.,
Secretary of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

"DEAR SIR,—I received your polite notification of the meeting of the Society to be holden to-morrow, which it is almost superfluous to say it would be highly gratifying to me to attend.

"Respect and esteem for the individual members, and a degree of interest in the objects of the association, are not the least of the inducements. But continued illness yet confines me to my chamber, and excludes the idea of my being with you, and I am even obliged to employ an amanuensis in communicating the reason of my non-attendance.

"I herewith enclose for your examination and the inspection of the gentlemen of the Society who may be present at the meeting, the original deeds, as I suppose, from Indian sagamores, residing around Swampscot or Exeter, to Rev. John Wheelwright and others, in the year 1638, and I would ask whether these are not the oldest in any part of our country.

"Would you like a lithograph copy of them for the next volume of your Collections? If one can be taken without injuring the deeds, there can be no objection.

"I am, my dear Sir, with sincere esteem and friendship, your and the Society's obliged,
JOHN FARMER."

The Publishing Committee did not avail themselves of Mr. Farmer's offer respecting the Indian deeds. They had already been published in Vol. I. of the New Hampshire Historical Collections, pp. 147-149. Mr. Farmer, it will be seen, was in Boston when he wrote this letter. He was in poor health, too feeble to attend a meeting of the Society. He died two years later.—*Eds.*

Mr. YOUNG communicated a letter from Rev. Henry A. Miles, late of Hallowell, dated 27th instant, accompanying a donation of twenty-one manuscript volumes of sermons and notes of sermons of the Mathers, Apostle Eliot, Thacher, Colman, Wadsworth, Willard, Pemberton, Sewall, Cooper, Checkley, Prince, Byles, and others, from the year 1653 to the middle of the last century. These, Mr. Miles stated, he obtained from a gentleman in Hallowell, whose brother obtained them, in 1806, from an old bookseller in that place.* Whereupon,

* The following is Mr. Miles's letter, in full, respecting these manuscripts :—

" To REV. ALEXANDER YOUNG.

" DEAR SIR, — I herewith send you twenty-one manuscript volumes, of which I will give you a brief account. They appear to be sermons and notes of sermons preached by Congregational ministers of Boston and vicinity, from the year 1653 down to the middle of the last century. Here are notes of sermons by the Mathers, by Eliot the Apostle to the Indians, by Thacher, Colman, Wadsworth, Willard, Pemberton, Sewall, Cooper, Checkley, Prince, Byles, and others. Most of them are easily read, some of them are almost illegible, while six of them are in shorthand, which, perhaps, it is impossible to decipher.

" The two oldest volumes are works of much curiosity. They are unquestionably sermons, written out in full, by the Rev. Jonathan Mitchell, the successor of Mr. Shepard, of Cambridge. I judge them to be in the author's handwriting, which you can easily determine, by comparing them with a tract in the handwriting of Mitchell, which, from a note in Savage's Winthrop, page 142, Vol. I, I learn is in the archives of the Historical Society. Cotton Mather, in his Life of Mitchell, thus writes: 'He kept a monthly lecture, where he largely handled man's misery by sin and salvation by Christ, and entered on the doctrine of obedience due thereupon; and vast assemblies of people from all the neighboring towns reckoned it highly worth their pains to repair unto that lecture.' There can be no doubt that these two volumes contain some of the lectures of Mitchell which Mather highly extols.

" These volumes were given to me by a gentleman in Hallowell, Maine, whose brother obtained them, in 1806, from an old bookseller in that place. How they came there is to me unknown. It seems probable that they were carried to Maine by some of the numerous descendants of the Sewall family, as the name Sewall is found in some of these volumes, and as one of the ancestors of this family married, in 1682, a daughter of Mr. Mitchell. It was not uncommon, in the days of our fathers, for ready writers to take copious notes of sermons as they were delivered, and from Mather's 'Ratio Disciplina' we

Voted, That a special vote of thanks be given to Mr. Miles for his valuable donation.

Mr. SAVAGE and Mr. YOUNG were appointed a committee to examine the manuscript volumes presented by Mr. Miles, and to report thereupon.

Mr. WILLARD communicated a donation from Mrs. William King Atkinson, of Dover, New Hampshire, of the portraits of Robert Pike, Esq., son of Rev. John Pike, of Dover, and of Mrs. Shurtleff, wife of Rev. William Shurtleff, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and a daughter of Counsellor Theodore Atkinson, of the former Province of New Hampshire. Also, from Mrs. Susan Parker, of Exeter, and Mrs. Lucretia Lyman, of Portsmouth, a portrait of Rev. William Shurtleff, above named.

The President nominated Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D.D., of Augusta, Maine, and Mr. Willard nominated J. Francis Fisher, Esq., of Philadelphia, Corresponding Secretary of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, as Corresponding Members of this Society.

On motion of Judge DAVIS,

Voted, To present to Hon. Theodore Lincoln, of Dennyville, Maine, and Martin Lincoln, of Hingham, Massachusetts, surviving children of the late General Lincoln, each a copy of Vol. V., third series, of our Collections.

Messrs. MITCHELL and I. P. DAVIS, the Committee appointed at the August meeting, reported that the

learn that, in the absence of the pastor, these notes were frequently read to the congregation. These volumes, thus accidentally thrown into my possession, are worth a safe preservation, as interesting memorials of the past. I wish that you would present them, in my name, to the Massachusetts Historical Society.

"With great respect, your friend and servant,

"HENRY A. MILES.

"CAMBRIDGE, Sept. 27, 1836."

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present and future volumes of the Collections be presented to the following Societies and Institutions:—

The American Philosophical Society at Philadelphia.

The Historical Societies of Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, Washington City, Virginia, and Quebec.

The American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

The American Antiquarian Society.

The Library of Harvard University.

Judge Davis nominated T. A. Moerenhout, United States Consul at Otaheite, Society Islands, for a Corresponding Member.

Mr. SAVAGE communicated a donation from Edward A. Newton, Esq., of Pittsfield, of a sermon preached at London, 21 Feb., 1609, before some of the planters for Virginia, by W. Crashaw, Bachelor of Divinity and preacher at the Temple. Whereupon,

Voted, That a special vote of thanks be given to Mr. Newton for his valuable donation.

Donations were also announced from the President of the Society, from Messrs. John Pickering, Francis Jackson, Abbott Lawrence, J. Willard, the New York and Erie Railroad Company, and from Mr. Pitkin, of Connecticut.

Present—The President, Messrs. Austin, Bartlett, Bradford, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gibbs, Jenks, C. Lowell, Mitchell, Nichols, Pierce, Savage, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Oct. 27, 1836. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read. •

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from J. Grahame, Esq., accepting his election as Corresponding Member.

Mr. I. P. DAVIS communicated a donation from J. Francis Fisher, Esq., of a manuscript copy of a Memorial, June, 1703, by Colonel Robert Quarry, to the Commissioners of Trade and Plantations on the state of the American Colonies, — copied by Mr. Fisher from a manuscript in the Library of the British Museum. Also, a description of fourteen medals of Washington, and seventeen other medals relating to America. Whereupon, a special vote of thanks was directed to be given to Mr. Fisher for the same.

Voted, To refer the foregoing manuscripts to the Publishing Committee of Vol. VI., third series.*

The Recording Secretary read a letter from William D. Williamson, Esq., the historian of Maine, accompanying a copy of his History, and requesting an exchange for certain volumes of the Collections, paying the difference; which request was granted, and the Librarian and Recording Secretary were charged with the arrangement.

Mr. WILLARD, from the Committee on M. Eugène Arnould's letter, presented a written report adverse to

* Colonel Quarry's Memorial was printed in Vol. VII. of the third series.
—Ends.

the several requests contained in the letter ; which report was read and accepted, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to M. Arnoult, as briefly setting forth the reasons of declining.

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[Mr. Willard's report, on file, is as follows :—

“The Committee to whom was referred the letter of M. Eugène Arnoult, of Paris, ‘Director of the Journal of the Institute,’ . . . beg leave to report, —

“That this Society will at all times cheerfully lend its aid to the promotion of any object within its means, and the legitimate purposes of its establishment. Your Committee, however, are of the opinion that the propositions of M. Arnoult are not of this last description. He requests, first, a copy of our sittings and transactions ; second, a copy of our Collections ; and, third, a subscription on the part of this Society to his Journal. With regard to the first, it is apparent that M. Arnoult mistakes the mode of proceeding in this Society, and supposes it to be in this respect like foreign literary and scientific societies, whereas our sittings relate chiefly to the admission of members, the reception of donations, management of financial concerns, and the general economy of the Society ; that the transactions of the Society at its sittings are of this description, no essays or papers being read by its members, so that a copy of our records would not come within the view of M. Arnoult, even if it were a proper matter on our part to furnish it.

“As to the second request, the volumes of our Collections are printed at the charge of the Society, and have but a limited sale, insufficient to defray the expenses of printing, &c. ; and it has not been usual to make donations of them, except to a limited number of public institutions, principally in the way of exchange for their publications, or occasionally

to an individual for valuable services rendered in promoting the interests of the Society. This practice early obtained, and now that the Society numbers twenty-five volumes of its printed Collections, it should seem more reasonable to adhere to it.

“As to the third request, your Committee would remark that they have not had the pleasure of seeing M. Arnoult's work, nor of ascertaining its character. Doubtless, a work of the kind, well conducted, would be valuable, and highly interesting in showing the progress of science; but it does not come within the objects of this Society, which are confined to the preservation of materials for American history. In addition to this, we may remark that the Society does not subscribe for any work, the increase of its Library depending upon donations made by its members and by others friendly to its important design.

“Your Committee would, therefore, recommend that this Society respectfully decline the requests of M. Arnoult, and that a copy of this report be transmitted to him, as briefly setting forth the reasons for thus declining.

“For the Committee,

“J. WILLARD.

“BOSTON, OCT. 27, 1836.”]

Donations were announced from Rev. Henry Channing, D.D., Rev. Messrs. Convers Francis, Edward B. Hall, John White, Calvin Durfee, and J. E. Worcester, Esq.

Rev. BENJAMIN TAPPAN, D.D., of Augusta, Maine, J. FRANCIS FISHER, Esq., of Philadelphia, and T. A. MOERENHOUT, United States Consul at Otaheite, were elected Corresponding Members of the Society, — Mr. I. P. DAVIS and Mr. FRANCIS, Scrutinizing Committee.

Mr. Worcester nominated Usher Parsons, M.D., of

Providence, Rhode Island, and Mr. Savage nominated William D. Williamson, Esq., of Bangor, Maine, for Corresponding Members.

Mr. SAVAGE informed the meeting that Mr. Gray had gone to Europe, and would probably be absent more than a year. Whereupon,

Voted, To proceed at the next meeting to the choice of a member of the Standing Committee, in the place of Mr. Gray.

Present—The President, Messrs. I. P. Davis, A. H. Everett, Felt, Francis, Gibbs, Harris, Jenks, C. Lowell, Pierce, Ripley, Savage, Tucker, White, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Nov. 24, 1836. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary read letters of acceptance from Messrs. Henry Clay and J. Francis Fisher; a letter from Rev. J. Adams, of South Carolina, accompanying a donation of pamphlets; from Franklin Bache, acknowledging the receipt by the American Philosophical Society of the third and fourth volumes of our third series; from John Vaughan, Esq., a Corresponding Member of the Society; and also from Alden Bradford, Esq., with a paper containing various *errata* in the Society's Collections. This paper was referred to the Publishing Committee of Vol. VI., third series, and a

special vote of thanks was directed to be given to Mr. Bradford for this valuable attention.*

Judge DAVIS communicated a donation from Stephen Codman, Esq., of a work upon the native language of Chili. Whereupon, a special vote of thanks was ordered to be given to Mr. Codman for his valuable donation.

The Corresponding Secretary exhibited his official seal, which had been engraved at the charge of the President, and the thanks of the Society were specially voted to be given to the President therefor.†

Smibert's copy, in 1737, of an original portrait of Governor Endicott was presented by F. C. GRAY, Esq., who is now absent from the country, and the thanks of the Society were voted to Mr. Gray for this token of his remembrance.

Donations were also announced from Messrs. Gamaliel Bradford, Alexander Young, John Farmer, James L. Homer, and Miss Mary Clark.

A special vote of thanks was directed to be given to Rev. Chandler Robbins for his donations of the portraits of Rev. Messrs. Welsted and Cooper, in September last.

The President nominated George Folsom, Esq., of New York, for a Corresponding Member.

The Recording Secretary, at the request of Judge Mitchell, communicated to the Society his desire to be excused from serving on the Publishing Committee of Vol. VI., third series, and it was

Voted, That his request be granted;

* Bradford's list of *errata* was printed in Vol. VII., third series, pp. 296-300. — *Eds.*

† This was a hand-seal for sealing letters. It was inscribed as follows: "Massachusetts Historical Society. Instituted 1791." — *Eds.*

And the other gentlemen of the Committee were requested to nominate at the next meeting some one to supply Judge Mitchell's place.

Mr. SAVAGE communicated to the Society a donation from the late Dr. Freeman of a valuable parcel of papers of an historical description.

The Librarian and Recording Secretary were requested to prepare an inventory of them.

Judge DAVIS was chosen on the Standing Committee, *vice* Mr. Gray, absent from the country.

USHER PARSONS, M.D., of Providence, Rhode Island, and Hon. WILLIAM D. WILLIAMSON, of Bangor, Maine, were elected Corresponding Members.

The Librarian and Recording Secretary were requested to report to the Society upon the matter of the contract with our publishers.*

Voted, That Mr. I. P. Davis be added to the Committee on manuscripts and portraits.

Voted, To postpone to the next meeting any action upon Dr. Halsey's nomination, made in July last.

Present—The President, Codman, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gibbs, Holmes, Jenks, C. Lowell, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Shaw, Sparks, Ware, Willard, and Young.

* On the 9th of March, 1835, an agreement was made between the Society and Messrs. Russell, Odiorne, & Co., reported at the meeting of the 26th of March, by which it was stipulated that the latter should be the agents of the Society for the sale of their Collections, which they were authorized to dispose of for one dollar per volume, and were to receive twenty-five per cent commission for the same, which sum should cover the guarantee and all expenses; settlement to be made and proceeds paid over to the Society at least once in six months; the agreement to continue for three years, unless dissolved by mutual consent. This was drawn, agreeably to a vote of the Society, adopted previously. See Vol. I. p. 449. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Dec. 29, 1836. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

A letter from the Librarian, tendering a resignation of his office on account of his other numerous and indispensable engagements, was read.*

Voted, thereupon, to accept his resignation, and to present to him the thanks of the Society for his services while in office.

The Corresponding Secretary read letters of acceptance from Hon. Judge Bullard, of Louisiana, and Rev. Dr. Tappan, of Augusta, Maine.

A letter from Rev. Dr. Cogswell, Secretary of the American Education Society, was communicated, in which he requests a history of this Society may be furnished him for the "Quarterly Register."

Voted, That his proposition meets with the acceptance of this Society, and that the Standing Committee be requested to appoint some gentlemen to perform the duty.

The Standing Committee appointed the Rev. Dr. JENKS for that purpose, and he accepted the appointment.†

Mr. DAVIS communicated a donation from General H. A. S. Dearborn of Admiral Walker's "Journal of the Expedition to Canada in 1712." Also, a letter from J. Francis Fisher, Esq., concerning sundry medals, some of which have not been published.

* The Librarian was Judge Mitchell, who also pleaded the illness of his family as a reason for wishing to resign his office. — Eds.

† Dr. Jenks's excellent "Account of the Massachusetts Historical Society" was subsequently printed in 3 Collections, VII. 5-25. — Eds.

Voted, To refer this letter to the Publishing Committee of the next volume.*

Mr. WORCESTER stated to the meeting that, by a letter from Mr. Farmer, he had learned that the New Hampshire Historical Society had not been furnished with our Collections, while they had furnished us with their own. Whereupon,

The Recording Secretary was requested to take charge of the subject, and to forward our third series, or the deficient volumes of that series, to the New Hampshire Society.

Also, *voted*, To present to Mr. Bernard Henry, of Philadelphia, Vol. V., third series, of our Collections, for his services in procuring Colonel Pilkington's sketch of the scene at the conference with the Indians at Buffalo Creek, on Lake Erie, 1793.

Mr. YOUNG, from the Publishing Committee, as requested at the last meeting, nominated Rev. Mr. Felt to be upon the Committee in the place of Judge Mitchell, resigned; which nomination was accepted.

Donations were communicated from Messrs. James Savage, B. B. Edwards, J. Q. Adams, J. Quincy, and William Minot.

GEORGE FOLSOM, Esq., of New York City, was elected Corresponding Member, — Messrs. L. P. DAVIS and PIERCE, Scrutinizing Committee.

On account of the absence of Rev. Dr. Holmes, it was voted to suspend action upon the nomination of Rev. Dr. Halsey till the next meeting.

Rev. JOSEPH B. FELT was unanimously chosen Librarian, *vice* Judge Mitchell, resigned.

* Mr. Fisher's "Description of American Medals" was printed in 3 Collections, VI. pp. 286-293. — Eds.

Voted, To give a diploma to Mr. Alden Bradford, late a member of this Society.

The thanks of the Society were voted to Thomas Wetmore for his donation of sundry pamphlets, &c., the property of his late father, Judge Wetmore, deceased.

Copley's portrait of James Allen, the poet, and Stuart's portrait of Jeremiah Allen, former High Sheriff of Suffolk, being presented by Mrs. Susan Allen, widow of the late James Allen, Esq.,

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Mrs. Allen for this liberal donation.

Present — The President, Messrs. Austin, Bradford, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gardner, Gibbs, Harris, Jenks, C. Lowell, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1837.

Jan. 26, 1837. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated letters of acceptance from Admiral Sir Isaac Coffin * and George Folsom, Esq. Also, a letter from Colonel Aspinwall, of London, stating that he had distributed the Society's diplomas, and that Mr. Rich still possessed and had for

* Admiral Coffin's letter was an acknowledgment of his diploma. He was elected a Corresponding Member in 1822. He concludes his letter, dated at "Bath, 5th October, 1836," as follows:—

"I wish it was in my power to visit once more my beloved country, but at my advanced time of life I must give up a husking frolic."—Eds.

sale at a certain price the manuscript papers of Governors Bernard and Tryon, and that they were not engaged to Messrs. Clark and Force.*

Judge DAVIS communicated a donation from Colonel Preston, of South Carolina, of a manuscript letter from Patrick Henry to Richard Henry Lee in 1778, for which the thanks of the Society were voted to Colonel Preston.

The Librarian communicated donations from William Lincoln, Jacob Porter, and Mr. Sibley.

The communication from the Library of the Theological Society at Andover, requesting the deficient

* Colonel Aspinwall's letter, on file, is as follows:—

"LONDON, 24th October, 1836.

"Rev. Dr. CHARLES LOWELL, Boston.

"MY DEAR SIR,—I have at last, in compliance with your desire, distributed all the diplomas of the Massachusetts Historical Society which you did me the honor, previously to my departure from Boston, to confide to my charge. I had some difficulty in ascertaining the present residence of Sir Isaac Coffin and that of the Rev. J. Hutchinson. The delay that has occurred arose from the circumstance.

"I have also ascertained from Mr. Rich that the Bernard and Tryon papers are all in London, and entirely free from any engagement to Messrs. Clarke & Force. The price of the two sets, which Mr. Rich is not inclined to separate, is two hundred pounds sterling. He is averse to allowing copies to be taken of any portion, because that would impair the marketable value of the whole.

"Mr. Rich did not return to London for two months after I arrived, and was so extremely busy and unwell at the same time for a considerable period that he was unable to compare the manuscripts with the list in Messrs. Clarke & Force's letter to Mr. Forsyth. He, however, presumes that list to be correct.

"Mr. Rich is now on his way to his post at Port Mahon, but I have arranged with him that the manuscripts in question shall be forthcoming in his absence, whenever I call for them. The only contingency that would interfere with a desire on the part of the Historical Society to have them permanently deposited within its reach, is that they may in the interim be sold to some distant purchaser. If it should be thought eligible to get up a subscription for raising the purchase-money, I shall be happy to contribute ten pounds sterling towards the accomplishment of that purpose.

"I have the honor to remain, my dear Sir, very respectfully and faithfully,
your obedient servant,

THOS. ASPINWALL."

Eds.

volumes of the Collections, which they claim by virtue of the vote of the Society, having been read,⁸ it was

Voted, To refer the subject to the Librarian and Recording Secretary, and that they be requested to examine the records, and to report at the next meeting to what institutions and individuals the Society has from time to time voted a present of their Collections.

Voted, To suspend the nomination of Rev. Dr. Halsey till the next meeting, and that notice thereof be given to Dr. Holmes.

Present — The President, Messrs. Codman, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gibbs, C. Lowell, Pierce, Quincy, Savage, Shattuck, Welles, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Feb. 23, 1837. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter of acceptance from Rev. Dr. William Allen, President of Bowdoin College, chosen Corresponding Member.

The President nominated Peter Gerard Stuyvesant, Esq., of New York, for Corresponding Member.

Mr. I. P. DAVIS communicated from D. Eckley, Esq., a donation of his father's (the Rev. Dr. Eckley) manuscript sermons, which, on motion of the Rev. Dr. LOWELL, were ordered to be bound and placed in the "Old South" Collections.

President QUINCY communicated from Mr. Horatio Hale, philologist in the South Sea Exploring Expedition, a request for the loan or disposal by the Society of one of their copies of Febres's "Grammar of the Chilian

Language," for the use of the Expedition. Whereupon,

Voted, To lend to Mr. Hale that copy of Febres that has been longest in the possession of the Society, and that the Librarian take from him a suitable receipt for the return of the same on the termination of the expedition.

Mr. FRANCIS communicated from Daniel Adams, Esq., of Medfield, a manuscript letter from Rev. Mr. Baxter, formerly of Medfield, Massachusetts, to Sebastian Ralle. Whereupon, the thanks of the Society were directed to be given to Mr. Adams for this donation.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to examine the records and to report to what institutions and individuals the Society had from time to time presented its Collections, made a detailed report, which was read and accepted, and is placed on the files of the Recording Secretary.* And, thereupon, it was

* The following is the report, in the hand of Mr. Willard, the Recording Secretary:—

"The Committee to whom it was referred at the meeting of the Society in January last to examine the records, and report at this meeting to what institutions and individuals the Society has from time to time voted a present of their Collections, beg leave to report as follows, viz.:—

- "1794, June. A copy of the Collections voted to Professor Ebeling, of Hamburg.
- 1795, April. To Sir William Jones, three volumes.
- 1796, April. To Mr. Wolcott, Secretary of the United States Treasury, four volumes.
- 1798, July. To Count Rumford, a set, handsomely bound, in four volumes.
- 1798, Oct. To the University of Göttingen, a set, handsomely bound in calf.
- " " Voted, that the numbers of the Collections as they are published be presented to Mrs. Belknap.
- 1799, July. To the Agricultural Society of New York, a copy of the Collections.
- 1802, Jan. A set to the American Philosophical Society at Philadelphia.
- 1802, April. A complete set, handsomely bound and lettered, to the University of Harvard.
- 1804, Aug. A set to the Library of Dartmouth College.

Voted, That the vote in September last, in relation to the distribution of the Collections, shall be so far modified that it shall not be considered as imposing an obligation on the Society, in regard to the

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- 1809, Oct. A set of the ten volumes to the New York Historical Society.
 " " Same to Rev. Timothy Alden, Jr.
 " " Librarian to dispose of one set to the Philadelphia Library.
 1812. " A complete set, bound, to the Legislature of the Commonwealth, for the use of its Library.
 1814, Aug. At the request of the Recording Secretary for instructions in regard to the gratuitous distribution of the present series of the Society's publications, voted, that to the following persons and public institutions a copy of the two volumes already printed and all future volumes be presented, in the name and behalf of the Society:—
 Robert Anderson, Esq., M.D., Edinburgh.
 Rev. C. D. Ebeling, Professor, &c., Hamburg.
 American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Massachusetts.
 American Philosophical Society, Pennsylvania.
 Bowdoin College, District of Maine.
 Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island.
 Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences.
 Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire.
 Harvard College, Cambridge, Massachusetts.
 Massachusetts Legislature, for the Library.
 New York Historical Society.
 Theological Institution, Andover, Massachusetts.
 Yale College, New Haven, Connecticut.
 Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts.
 Williams Library (for the Dissenting ministers), London.
 1814, Oct. Voted, that the daughters of the late Rev. Dr. Belknap be added to the list of those to whom the volumes are to be given.
 1815, April. Voted, to send first volume, second series, to the Library Company of Philadelphia.
 1815, Aug. Voted, to add King's College, Windsor, Nova Scotia, to the list of those who are to receive the Society's publications gratis.
 1815, Oct. A copy of Hubbard's History to Alleghany College. Also, Vols. III, V., and VI. of the Collections, second series, to Rev. President Alden.
 1817, Aug. Voted, that a copy of the Collections be presented to the King's Library in Paris, and a copy to the Institute of France; to be sent to Mr. Warden.
 1818, April. Seventh and eighth volumes, second series, presented to the widow of Dr. McKean.
 1818, Aug. A copy of the Collections voted to the Law Library, for the use of the students at law in Harvard University.
 1818, Aug. The Standing Committee were requested to prepare a list of the

donation of future volumes of the Collections, any farther than until otherwise ordered.

individuals and institutions to whom it would be expedient to transmit the Collections, and report to the Society.

(No report was made by the Committee, which consisted of Judge Winthrop, Rev. Dr. Freeman, Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop, Rev. Dr. Pierce, and James Savage, Esq.)

- 1818, Sept. 10. Voted, that a set of the Collections be presented to the Transylvania University, Lexington, Kentucky.
- 1821, Jan. Voted, that a copy of the Collections be presented to the Pilgrim Society.
- 1822, Jan. Voted, that a copy of the Collections be presented to the Advocates' Library in Edinburgh, through Sir Walter Scott.
- 1822, April. Voted, that a set of the Collections, commencing with the second series, be presented to Mrs. Hannah Crocker, to be continued during her life, it being in consideration of her having deposited with the Society a valuable portion of the Mather Library.
- 1822, April. A complete set voted to the Boston Athenæum.
- 1823, April. A report of a committee, recommending a present of the Collections to the Historical Society in Maine, was accepted.
- 1824, Jan. One set voted to the Royal Society of Antiquaries in France.
- " " One set also to the Royal Society of Antiquaries in London.
- " " Deficient volumes voted to the Legislature of Massachusetts.
- 1827, Aug. The Librarian and Treasurer were appointed a committee to present to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania the whole or such part of the Society's Collections as can be spared.
- 1833, Jan. A committee appointed to report at the next meeting to whom it will be proper to present the Collections of the Society. Mr. Lowell, Mr. Savage, and Mr. Willard were the committee.
- 1833, April. The Committee report that, in consequence of the removal of the Library, they could not easily ascertain the number of copies on hand, and were not prepared to report.
- 1834, Feb. A copy of third series to be presented to the Historical Society of Virginia.
- 1834, May. Eighth volume, second series, third and fourth volumes, third series, to American Antiquarian Society.
- 1834, June. Third and fourth volumes, third series, to President Alden, for the use of the Library at Meadville College.
- 1834, Dec. Voted, to exchange in future with the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, beginning with the third series of our Collections.
- 1835, Nov. To the Royal Library in Berlin, through Dr. Julius, and voted that the Librarian forward to Dr. Julius the second series and so much of the third series as is already published of the Society's Collections, and inform Dr. Julius that the first series will be forwarded when the deficient volumes are republished.
- 1835, Dec. The Librarian informed the Society that he had forwarded to Dr.

Voted, That the Secretary write to the Theological Seminary at Andover, and inform them that they may be supplied with the deficient volumes of our Collections, so far as we can supply the same, up to the present time; after which, the Society will not continue the gratuitous donation of their volumes to the Seminary.

The Librarian communicated donations from Rev. Messrs. Alexander Young and Frederic H. Hedge, and from Messrs. George Folsom, D. Eckley, Levi Woodbury, E. W. Cheever, the President of the Society, the New Hampshire Historical Society, the Seamen's Aid

- Julius a complete set of the Society's Collections for the Royal Library in Berlin.
- 1836, Jan. Voted, that the third series of the Collections of this Society be presented to the Quebec Historical Society, who have presented to us their Collections.
- 1836, July. A copy of the Collections to the Royal Academy of Sciences at Lisbon.
- 1836, Aug. Librarian and Mr. I. P. Davis a committee to say to what institutions the present and future volumes of our Collections shall be presented.
- 1836, Sept. Vols. III. and IV., third series, to American Philosophical Society.
- " " Vol. V., third series, to surviving children of General Lincoln.
- " " Messrs. Mitchell and Davis, the Committee appointed in August, reported that the present and future volumes of the Collections be presented to the following societies and institutions, viz. :—
- American Philosophical Society at Philadelphia.
- Historical Society of Maine.
- Historical Society of New Hampshire.
- Historical Society of Rhode Island.
- Historical Society of New York.
- Historical Society of Pennsylvania.
- Historical Society of Washington City.
- Historical Society of Virginia.
- Historical Society of Quebec.
- American Society of Arts and Sciences.
- American Antiquarian Society.
- Library of Harvard University.
- 1836, Dec. Third series, or deficient volumes of that series, to the New Hampshire Historical Society.

" JOSEPH B. FELT.

JOSEPH WILLARD.

Eds.

" Feb. 23, 1837."

Society, and the American Education Society; also, from Daniel Adams, Esq.

Rev. Dr. LOWELL, from the Committee on Lectures, reported verbally that the lectures were completed, and that the Society would probably realize about two hundred dollars from the course, the precise amount not yet being ascertained, all the accounts not having been rendered.

The thanks of the Society were voted to the gentlemen who so kindly lectured; and, further,

Voted, That they be respectively requested to deposit copies of their lectures in the Library of the Society.

Present — The President, Messrs. Bradford, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gardner, Gibbs, Harris, Jenks, C. Lowell, Pierce, Quincy, Savage, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

March 30, 1837. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary made a report in part, relating to the lectures of the past season; a report in detail to be made at the next meeting. He also communicated a letter of acceptance from Hon. William D. Williamson, of Bangor, Maine, and a letter from Mr. John Blunt, of New York, accompanying a donation of some old deeds, and also letters from Sir William

Pepperell, &c. Whereupon, the thanks of the Society were voted to Mr. Blunt for his donation.*

* This letter of Mr. John Blunt, of New York, is not on file, and we have no more particulars of the old deeds, or of the letters of Sir William Pepperell which accompanied it. The Society has two volumes of "Pepperell Papers," which may include those sent by Mr. Blunt.

At a meeting of the Society, on the 30th of July, 1835 (see p. 15 of this volume), a donation from John Blunt, Esq., of New York, was announced, but no indication given as to the nature of the gift. The following letter from him, on file, shows that the article then presented was a deed from Sir F. Gorges to Sir Richard Edgecombe, of Mount Edgecombe, in the county of Devon, England, of lands in Maine:—

"NEW YORK, May 6, 1835.

"SIR,—I enclose you a deed from Sir Ferdinando Gorges to Sir Richard Edgecombe, dated, as you will perceive, in 1637, which, if you consider it of sufficient value, I wish preserved among the papers of your Society.

"The deed being now nearly two hundred years old, and from one of the projectors of the earliest settlements in New England, I presume it will be acceptable to the Society.

"It came into my possession, among many other papers of little value, from papers left by Sir William Pepperell.

"Will you do me the favor to acknowledge the receipt of the deed.

"Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

"JOHN BLUNT.

"To the Secretary of the Historical Society,
Massachusetts."

This deed is the original parchment, signed by Sir F. Gorges himself, dated July 3, 1637; and, as it is one of the original documents connected with the history of Maine, and has never been printed, we give it a place here. An indorsement on the parchment shows it to have been recorded in the Registry of Deeds, in Lincoln County, Maine, on the 4th of October, 1766, Liber V., ff. 76, 77. The Records of the county are now kept at Wiscasset, and Rufus K. Sewall, Esq., of that town, who kindly examined them for us, says that they are in a good state of preservation.

The original grantee seems to have paid no attention to his claim; but, in 1718, the claim was entered for the heirs in the Book of Claims of Massachusetts, but nothing further was attempted till 1756, when the heir to the estate at Mount Edgecombe empowered Sir William Pepperell to act for him. On the death of Sir William, the matter slumbered; but, in 1768, it was revived by Nathaniel Sparhawk, who married Sir William's only daughter. He was empowered by the heir to claim eight thousand acres of land on the Kennebec River, and an attempt was made to locate it within the present town of Bowdoinham. It would seem that one Springer, a terre-tenant, who had settled there as a representative of the Edgecombe title, was sued by William Bowdoin, who claimed the land under the proprietors of the Plymouth patent, beside exhibiting other evidences of his title, all of which were too powerful for this obso-

[Referring to the foot-note on the preceding page for explanation, we print here the grant from Sir Ferdinando Gorges to Sir Richard Edgcombe. — Eds.

“THIS INDENTURE, made the Third day of July, in the Thirteenth yeare of the Raigne of our Souraigne Lord, Charles, by the grace of God, King of England, Scotland, Fraunce, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c., Betweene Sir Ferdinando Gorges, Knight, of the one part, and Sir Richard Edgcombe, of Mount Edgcombe, in the Countie of Devon, Knight, of the other part: WITNESSETH, that the said Sir Ferdinando Gorges, For and in consideraçon of a competent Some of money in hand, paid to the said Sir Ferdinando, att and before the ensealing and deliuey of theis pñts, And alsoe for diuers other good causes and consideraçons him herevnto spetially moveing, Hath given, graunted, bargayned, sold, enfeoffed, and confirmed, And by theis pñts doth giue, graunt, bargaine, sell, enfeoffe, and confirme vnto the said Sir Richard Edgcombe and his h[eirs], ALL that parcell of Land, woods, and woodgrounds in Casco Bay, within the Territories of Newe England, be[ginning] att the point or entrance of the nex[t river u]nto Sagadehock, tending towards the west, and from the said entrance by a direct lyne to extend two miles upp into the Inland parts there by the westernne [bank?] of the said River, and from the said point or Entrance of the same River to extend along the Seacoast of the said Bay by the space of two miles westwards, and from the end of the same to extend upp into the Inland by the space of two miles more, and from the end of that two miles to crosse ouer vnto the said River to meete with the end of the two myles upp the River as aforesaid, to be in manner of

lete, indefinite Edgcombe parchment, and Bowdoin prevailed. See Sullivan's Maine, pp. 125, 126; Williamson's Maine, I. 268, II. 366, 367; Folsom's Saco and Biddeford, pp. 112, 113. — Eds.

a Square, Together with all that Island or Islands and parcell of land in Casco Bay aforesaid, called the two Twynns, or by what other name or names the same be called or knowne, scituate and being within the Province or reputed or intended province of Newe Somerset; Together alsoe with all that part, parcell, or porcon of land att or neare the Lake of newe Somerset, which is conceiued to be Fourteen miles distant from the Shore of Casco Bay, by a Northerly Lyne into the Inland parts, which parcell of land is to contain there Eight thousand Acres, And alsoe all myne and mynes, of what nature or quality soeuer, And all Quarries of Stone; And the sole Hawking, Hunting, Fishing, and Fowling there, with all comodities, privileges, and Royalties therevnto belonging, — The fift part of the Royall Mynes of Silver and gold only reserued unto his Ma^{ty}, his heires and successors, out of the said bargayned premisses: TO HAUE AND TO HOLDE, all and singuler the said seuerall parcells of lands, woods, and woodgrounds by theis pñts bargayned, sold, and graunted, or mençoned or intended to be bargayned, sold, and graunted, with theire and euery of theire appurtennces, vnto the said Sir Richard Edgcombe, his heires and assignes, To the only and proper vse and behoofe of the said Sir Richard Edgcombe, his heires and assignes, for euer, FOR and vnder the yearly rent and Rents of two shillings the hundred for euery hundred acres of the said bargayned premisses as shall from time to time be inclosed or converted into Tillage. AND THE said Sir Ferdinando Gorges, for himselfe, his heires and assignes, doth coveñt, promise, and graunt to and with the said Sir Richard Edgcombe, his heires and assignes, by theis pñts in manner and forme following; that is to say, That it shall and may be lawfull to and for the said Sir Richard Edgcombe, his heires and assignes, from time to time, and att any time hereafter dureing the space of seaven yeares next ensueing, to exchange all or any part of the said eight thousand acres of land graunted by the said Lake before

specified, and to make choise of soe much other land in liewe thereof in any other place or part of Newe Somersett aforesaid, And to hould and enioye the same against the said Sir Ferdinando and his heires, Soe as such choise be not made of lands allready or before that time graunted vnto any other person or persons. AND ALSOE, that the said Sir Ferdinando Gorges, his heires and assignes, shall and will from time to time and att all times hereafter dureing the space of Seaven yeares, vppon the reasonable request and att the proper costs and charges of the said Sir Richard Edgcombe, his heires and assignes, doe make, acknowledge, execute, and suffer, or cause to be donne, made, acknowledged, executed, and suffered, all and euery other reasonable act and acts, thing and things, devise and devises, in the lawe whatsoever, for the further and better assurance, sure makeing, and conveying of all and singuler the said bargayned premisses and euery or any part or parcell thereof vnto the said Sir Richard Edgcombe, his heires and assignes, and alsoe of all such parcell or parcells of lands hereafter exchanged or to be exchanged or enjoyed or mençoned to be enjoyed in exchange as aforesaid, either by confirmeing this pñte graunt or els by conveying and confirming the inheritance of all and singuler the premisses by theis pñts mençoned or intended to be bargayned, sould, or graunted vnto the said Sir Richard Edgcombe, his heires and assignes, in such sort as shalbe by learned Councell devised or advised. AND, lastly, that it shall and may be lawfull to and for the said Sir Richard Edgcombe, his heires and assignes, for and vnder the consideraçons and reseruaçons aforesaid, quietlie and peaceably to haue, hold, and enjoy all and singuler the said seuerall parcells of land, woods, and woodgrounds, and Island or Islands, and all other the premisses bargayned, sould, or graunted, or mençoned or intended to be bargayned, sould, or graunted, and euery part and parcell thereof, with the appurteñces, without the lett, trouble, or deniall of him the said Sir Ferdinando Gorges, or of his

heires or assignes, or of any other person or persons whatsoever lawfully clayming or lawfully to clayme by, from, or vnder him, them, or any of them. IN WITNES whereof, the said pties to theis pñts haue interchangeably sett theire hands and seales the day and yeare first aboue written, Annoqe Dni, 1637.

“FERDE. GORGES.”

[Indorsed.]

“LINCOLN, ss. Received and recorded in the Record of Deeds for the said County of Lincoln, the 4th Day of October, 1766. Liber 5, Folº 76, 77.

“Att. THOS. RICE, *Regr.*”]

John Mico Gannett, Esq., through Rev. Dr. HOLMES, presented to the Society a gun used at the seizure of Sir Edmund Andros in Boston, in 1689. The thanks of the Society were directed to be given to Mr. Gannett; also to Rev. Dr. Holmes for his services in obtaining the donation.

Mr. I. P. DAVIS stated to the Society that the Rev. Professor Palfrey had presented the remaining volumes of the “North American Review” to the present period, and that the same had been bound, pursuant to the vote of the Society, and the thanks of the Society were voted to Professor Palfrey for his donation.

Mr. DAVIS also communicated a present from a gentleman, whose name he had not permission to mention, of Audubon’s plates. Whereupon,

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to this gentleman through Mr. Davis, and to Mr. Davis for constituting this Society the recipient of this valuable donation, and that Mr. Davis adopt such course in regard to preserving the donation as he may see fit.

Mr. DAVIS stated that Mr. Snelling and himself, the Committee having power to let the Society's room over the Arch in Franklin Place, were not able to let it at present, but that some proposition had been made relating to the purchase of the same.

Voted, That the same Committee be authorized to make sale of the property on the most favorable terms they can obtain.

Mr. I. P. DAVIS and Mr. GARDNER were chosen a committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS,

Voted, To appropriate fifteen dollars out of the Treasury, for suitable frames for the pictures of Governor Endicott and Jeremy Dummer, provided Mr. Davis obtain elsewhere the same sum for that purpose.

Rev. Dr. HALSEY, of Alleghany, Pennsylvania, and PETER GERARD STUYVESANT, Esq., of New York City, were chosen Corresponding Members.

On motion of Rev. Dr. LOWELL,

Voted, That Dr. Harris be chosen Assistant Librarian.

And he was accordingly chosen.

The Treasurer and Recording Secretary were chosen a committee to fix the compensation of the Assistant Librarian.

On motion of Mr. WILLARD,

Voted, That there be a course of lectures the ensuing fall and winter, under the direction of the Society.

Messrs. I. P. DAVIS, YOUNG, and WILLARD were chosen to be the Committee on Lectures, with full powers.

Donations were communicated from Judge Davis,

Rev. Convers Francis, "An Unknown Friend," John Mico Gannett, Esq., Professor Palfrey, Mr. John Blunt, and Mr. Storer.

Present—The President, Messrs. Austin, Bartlett, Bradford, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gibbs, Holmes, Lincoln, C. Lowell, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1837.

April 27, 1837. In the absence of the President, Judge DAVIS was called to the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter of acceptance from Peter Gerard Stuyvesant, Esq., of New York City.

He also made the following report from the Committee on Lectures, viz. : * —

The Committee appointed to make provision for a course of lectures for the benefit of the Society respectfully report that a course of able and interesting lectures was delivered, as follows : viz., Nov. 22 and 29, 1836, by Mr. Austin, on "The Siege of Boston." December 6 and 13, by Mr. Sullivan, on "The Use of History, Tradition, Boston Fifty Years ago, and on the Changes in Boston within Fifty Years." December 20, by Mr. Alden Bradford, on "The Commissioners of Charles II. as a Court of Appeals in Massachusetts in 1664." December 27, by Mr. A. H. Everett, on "The Con-

* The Committee was the same as last year, and the lectures were delivered at the same place. See *ante*, p. 34, note. — Eds.

stitution of the United States." January 3, by Mr. Felt, on "Rival Chiefs, D'Aulnay and La Tour, Governors of Nova Scotia." January 10, by Mr. William Lincoln, on "French Neutrals." January 17, by Mr. Alexander Young, on "The Pequot War, 1637." January 24, by Mr. A. Bradford, on "The Character of the Patriots of the Revolution." January 31, by Mr. Francis, on "The Character of Father Rale." February 7, by Mr. Samuel Swett, on "The Life of Governor Winthrop." February 14, by Mr. O. W. B. Peabody, on "The Life of General Putnam." February 21, by Mr. Charles W. Upham, on "The Career and Character of Timothy Pickering."

The whole amount received for tickets was . . .	\$449.50
Expenses	237.67

The balance paid to the Society \$211.83

Which report was read and accepted.

The Librarian communicated donations from the President of the Society, Messrs. John Welles, Ed. Tuckerman, Jr., J. G. Palfrey, Daniel Adams, A. Young, J. B. Felt, Charles W. Lovett, and the American Philosophical Society.

The thanks of the Society were voted to be given to the President for his valuable donation of the volumes of description of Audubon's Plates of the Birds of America.

The Recording Secretary, from the Committee on the subject, reported an abstract of the late Dr. Freeman's papers.*

* This report, covering some eight pages, and described under thirty-eight heads, is on file. It is headed, "Memorandum of Contents of Box of late Rev. Dr. Freeman, sent to the Society after his decease, according to directions in his lifetime." The list comprised papers which belonged to the Society, and came into the possession of Dr. Freeman as one of its officers. Some of them

Voted, To accept the same, and to refer it to the Publishing Committee.

Mr. SAVAGE, from the Committee on the compensation to be allowed to the Assistant Librarian, made a written report, recommending an appropriation for this purpose of one hundred dollars for the six months ensuing, the state of the Treasury not warranting a larger sum.*

belonged to the files of the Recording and Corresponding Secretaries. Many of them were papers prepared for the Collections, and were simply the "copy" as sent to and returned from the printer. A few were papers belonging to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and these have been restored to that institution. Some of the papers, as described, are not now recognized by the writer of this note, yet they may have been filed away among the Society's miscellaneous manuscripts. Many of the papers consisted of Dr. Freeman's private correspondence, and related to the history, statistics, &c., of towns on Cape Cod. Much of this matter has probably never been printed. One file was indorsed, "Miss Hannah Adams' Papers," and contained papers relating to her "Dictionary of all Religions," &c., such as receipts, orders, &c.

Some thirty years ago, when an attempt was made to put the Society's manuscripts in order, these papers, or what comprised a good many of them, were found packed away in a box. They were all opened and examined, and some of them placed in volumes. The remainder happened to have been left unarranged until the present time, and a recent re-examination has resulted in discovering many documents of value relating to the early history of the Society. These have been added to the Secretaries' files. The others will be placed in volumes or properly cared for. — Eds.

* The following report is on file: —

"The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the salary of the Assistant Librarian of the Society, report, —

"That it is very important to have the Catalogue completed, and the books, pamphlets, and manuscripts properly arranged, that we may have an exact knowledge of the contents of our Library; that this would be the work of many months, perhaps of a year. But the wishes of the Society will probably be governed in a measure by the state of the Treasury, where there is a balance but little exceeding one hundred and forty dollars. Considering the means of the Society, and that there is no prospect of an increase before another year, the Society also being engaged in reprinting one or more volumes, your Committee do not think it expedient to propose an arrangement for the year, which under other circumstances would be very desirable.

"As summer is approaching, and there will be but a trifling expense for fuel for six months to come, your Committee do recommend that the sum of one

Voted, To accept the report.

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts reported as follows, viz. : —

The undersigned, a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society to examine the accounts of their Treasurer, James Savage, for the year past, having performed that service this day, report that the accounts are well kept, satisfactorily vouched, and correctly cast, and that a balance thereby appears in favor of the Society of one hundred and forty-three dollars and eighty-six cents.*

(Signed) SAMUEL P. GARDNER, } Committee.
ISAAC P. DAVIS, }

Boston, April 27, 1837.

The following gentlemen were then unanimously elected officers for the ensuing year, viz. : —

THOMAS L. WINTHROP	PRESIDENT.
JOSEPH WILLARD	RECORDING SECRETARY.
CHARLES LOWELL	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JAMES SAVAGE	TREASURER.
JOSEPH B. FELT	LIBRARIAN.
ISAAC P. DAVIS	CABINET-KEEPER.
JOHN DAVIS	} STANDING COMMITTEE.
JAMES SAVAGE	
CONVERS FRANCIS	
JARED SPARKS	
J. T. AUSTIN	

hundred dollars be appropriated for the salary of the Assistant Librarian for six months next ensuing, for his services in the Library.

"Respectfully submitted.

Per order.

JAMES SAVAGE.

"April 27, 1837."

EDS.

* The receipts were \$502.62, of which sum \$196 were from admission fees and assessments; \$86.62 from sales of books; \$200 on account of the lectures; and \$20 on account of Sewall Phelps's note. The payments amounted to \$432.80, — \$94.38 were for interest, insurance, and taxes; \$270.87 for printing a volume of Collections; and the residue for miscellaneous expenses. — EDS.

Voted, That at the May meeting the Society will choose a Corresponding Secretary, *ad interim*, during the absence of Rev. Dr. Lowell.

Present — Austin, Bartlett, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Francis, Gardner, Gibbs, Jenks, C. Lowell, Pierce, Ripley, Savage, Welles, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

Dissolved.

JOSEPH WILLARD,
Recording Secretary.

MONTHLY MEETING.

May 25, 1837. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

Donations were communicated from the Legislature of Massachusetts, the American Education Society, Messrs. Alvan Lamson, Samuel F. Haven, George Folsom, F. C. Gray, William W. Pemberton, and John Pierce.

Rev. Dr. HARRIS was chosen Corresponding Secretary, *ad interim*, pursuant to the vote of the last meeting.

The Recording Secretary communicated a letter of thanks from the Royal Society, London, for the donation of Vol. V., third series, of our Collections.

On motion of Mr. SAVAGE,

Voted, That the Assistant Librarian exercise his discretion in omitting to enter in the Catalogue such works as he may not think worthy of being entered therein.

Present — The President, Austin, Felt, Francis, Harris, Pierce, Savage, Shattuck, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

June 29, 1837. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The President communicated a letter from Colonel Juan Galindo, relating to Father Gage, author of an early account, in English, of Central America. The letter was referred to the Publishing Committee of Vol. VI.*

Mr. QUINCY communicated a letter from General Mattoon, in relation to a wound received by General Lincoln in the battle near Saratoga, in 1777. This letter was also referred to the Publishing Committee.†

Donations were communicated from Messrs. Usher Parsons, William Pemberton, and J. Willard.

On motion of Mr. SAVAGE, the Rev. Dr. Jenks was requested to prepare a memoir of the late Rev. Dr. Holmes.‡

Mr. FELT, on his request, was authorized to take out such a number of books, pamphlets, manuscripts, &c., as he may need for the subject of his inquiry.

Present—The President, Bartlett, Bradford, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gibbs, Lincoln, Quincy, Savage, Shattuck, White, Willard, and Young.

* Of the third series, where it may be found. Thomas Gage's work is entitled "A New Survey of the West Indies," &c. London, 1648; second edition, 1655. Small folio. — Eds.

† Published in the same volume as above. — Eds.

‡ Dr. Jenks's memoir is in 3 Collections, VII. 270-282. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

July 27, 1837. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

Mr. SPARKS presented a large number of manuscript letters, written by Dr. Douglass to Governor Colden.

Voted, To refer the same to the Publishing Committee of Vol. VII., third series.*

The Standing Committee nominated Samuel A. Eliot, Esq., as a candidate to fill the vacancy in the Society occasioned by the death of Rev. Dr. Holmes.

The Librarian communicated donations from the President, Rev. Dr. Cogswell, Messrs. J. Q. Adams, John Pickering; also from Professor Rafn, of Copenhagen.†

* They were published in 4 Collections, II. 164-189. — Eds.

† The following letter of Professor Rafn was probably received about the same time as the gifts from him here noticed:—

“COPENHAGEN, July 19, 1836.
(Duplicate, July 9, 1836.)

“To the Rev. CHARLES LOWELL, D.D.,

Secretary of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

“SIR,—We are extremely obliged for your letters of 29th April and 9th February, and I have to request on the part of Mr. Schlegel and Mr. Finn Magnusen that you will convey their thanks to the Massachusetts Historical Society for the honor which it has conferred on them. The diplomas are received.

“I hope you have since received at least one of the two packages sent to you, *via* New York and *via* Elsinore, with prospectuses of the ‘*Antiquitates Americanæ*.’ We now send another package to you, which contains a little pamphlet published by the Society in English, also some additional copies of the above-mentioned prospectus, which we recommend to your best care. We request you will send your letter, with the list of subscribers, per post, *via* Havre, and that you will despatch it at the latest in January, so that we may be able to transmit the copies with the first spring ship.

“The Directors of our Society approve of your proposal respecting the admission as members of the Society of T. Aspinwall, Esq., in London, John Davis, Esq., LL.D., of Boston, His Excellency Edward Everett, John Pickering,

The Assistant Corresponding Secretary communicated a donation from Mr. Joseph P. Couthouy, of a manuscript letter, 1769, addressed by Messrs. Walley, Joy, and Hill to Colonel Mackey.

Voted, To refer this letter to the Publishing Committee of Vol. VII.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be requested to propose to the Society a Publishing Committee to prepare Vol. VII., third series, and to report at the next meeting.

Present — The President, Adams, Bartlett, Bradford, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gibbs, Harris, Ripley, Savage, Saltonstall, Shattuck, Shaw, Sparks, Ware, and Willard.

Esq., and Jared Sparks, Esq., and thank you for thus bringing it in connection with these respected gentlemen.

"It is the wish of the Society to admit some additional American members; wherefore, we shall feel obliged by your suggesting the names of some individuals in the several States to whom we might transmit letters of invitation.

"We have no printed catalogue of the Library of the Society, which, however, is entirely confined to ancient historical and antiquarian books and a few philological works. Of works published in America the Society has only McCulloch's Researches, the Transactions of the American Philosophical Society, of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and of the Rhode Island Historical Society, — not even the *Archæologia Americana*, nor any works on the Indian languages, although such might be of importance to us.

"Mr. George Ryan, merchant, of this place, has given us his permission that payments for the Society may be made to his agents in Boston, Messrs. A. & C. Cunningham. I request you will have the goodness to give these gentlemen this preliminary information. The package contains a direct communication to their house respecting it.

"Packages for the Society can be most conveniently transmitted to Elsinore, addressed to the care of Mr. Edward Reynolds, American Consul there.

"We have issued a printed circular letter to the British and American members of the Society, which we hope will meet with a favorable reception. We think it, with reference to the Society's future undertakings, advisable to send it to some other gentlemen. Our acquaintance in America being so limited, we have only addressed a few such letters to some individuals in Boston and the Northern States, of whom a list is annexed. We request you will have the goodness to forward these letters. Yours very respectfully,

"CHARLES C. RAFF,
Secretary of the Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries."

Eda.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Aug. 29, 1837. · The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Recording Secretary communicated a letter from Rev. Samuel Sewall, of Burlington, in relation to furnishing for the Collections extracts from the Journals of his ancestor, Judge Sewall; and also resigning his place in the Society, from not being able to attend its meetings.*

Voted, To accept the resignation; and also

Voted, To refer that part of the letter relating to the Journal to the Publishing Committee of Vol. VII.

The Librarian communicated donations from Alden Bradford, Robert F. Wallcut, Ichabod Tucker, Professor Palfrey, the South Carolina Society, the New Hampshire Historical Society, and the State of New Jersey.

SAMUEL A. ELIOT, Esq., was elected a Resident Member of the Society, — Messrs. L. SHATTUCK and J. BARTLETT, Scrutinizing Committee.

Rev. Dr. HARRIS made a statement in relation to the number of copies of each volume of the Collections belonging to the Society, and which were at the rooms.

* Mr. Sewall's letter, on file, is dated July 27. The Society had hopes, and the Committee of Publication thought they had received encouragement, that Mr. Sewall would prepare extracts from Judge Sewall's Diary, in his possession, for publication in the forthcoming volume of Collections; but Mr. Sewall said he had no recollection of agreeing to make the selections against the time appointed for the next volume, and it would be quite out of his power to perform the service within the given period. He should be much grieved and mortified if, in consequence of not notifying the Committee in time, after such intimation had been made to him, they should be disappointed.

The Judge Sewall manuscripts were purchased for the Society in 1890, and are now in course of publication. — Eds.

Messrs. SHATTUCK, HARRIS, and I. P. DAVIS were appointed a committee to report upon some mode of bringing the Collections before the public for the purpose of sale.

Dr. HARRIS reported to the Society five volumes relating to the history of the early Quakers here, belonging to the Wallcut donation, and received from the hands of Mr. Joshua Coffin, who retains for the present one other volume upon the subject in his hands, a part of the same donation.

Present—The President, Adams, Bartlett, Bradford, Codman, I. P. Davis, Felt, Gardner, Gibbs, Harris, Pickering, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, Tucker, Willard, and Fisher, of Philadelphia.*

MONTHLY MEETING.

Sept. 28, 1837. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The President communicated a letter from the Rev. John J. Robertson, at Syra, Greece, in relation to a donation of a copy of our Collections, to be made to the Public Library at Athens.

On motion of Mr. SAVAGE,

Voted, That the Librarian forward the first series, and state that the remaining volumes will be forwarded as soon as may be in our power.

* Joshua Francis Fisher, a Corresponding Member, chosen in October, 1836.
—Eds.

The following gentlemen were nominated for Corresponding Members: viz., Rev. John J. Robertson, of Athens, Greece, by the President; Jacobaki Rizos, of Athens, by the President; the Hon. Job Durfee, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Tiverton, Rhode Island, by Mr. Savage; and William L. Stone, Esq., of New York, by Mr. Worcester.

The Librarian communicated donations from the President, L. Bliss, Jr., J. E. Worcester, Colonel Paul Bentalon, I. P. Davis, Rev. Jasper Adams, Levi Woodbury, Dr. Jacob Porter, and the American Antiquarian Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Samuel A. Eliot, Esq., declining his election as a member of the Society.

The Standing Committee nominated Messrs. HARRIS, FRANCIS, FELT, and SNELLING for the Publishing Committee of Vol. VII., third series, which nomination was accepted.

Mr. SHATTUCK, from the Committee on the subject, reported that they had made an arrangement with Little & Brown, of Boston, to sell the Collections, they to duly advertise the same, and bring them before the public, in Boston, New York, and Philadelphia, on a commission of twenty per cent.

The Librarian was directed to appoint some suitable person to take the volumes of the Collections to members and subscribers, and to receive payment for the same.

Mr. SAVAGE reported that he had effected insurance of the Society's property in Franklin Place.

Voted, That the Librarian write to the publishers of the "New York Spectator," and inform them that the Society would be pleased to receive the "Spectator" as a donation, as heretofore, to be directed to the Librarian.

Present — The President, Appleton, Bradford, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Harris, Pierce, Savage, Shattuck, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Oct. 26, 1837. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

Rev. JOHN J. ROBERTSON, D.D., of Syra, Greece, JACOB AKI RIZOS, of Athens, Greece, and Hon. Chief-Justice JOB DURFEE, of Tiverton, Rhode Island, were elected Corresponding Members, — Messrs. HARRIS and I. P. DAVIS, Scrutinizing Committee.

The nomination of Colonel Stone, in the absence of Mr. Worcester, was postponed.

The letter of Dr. Mease, of Philadelphia, in relation to sundry American coins and the Voyage of Hariot, was referred to the Publishing Committee, with directions to return the manuscript, mentioned in the letter, to Dr. Mease, should they decide not to publish it; which manuscript is in the possession of I. P. Davis, Esq.*

* In a copy of a letter on file, dated Nov. 8, 1837, addressed to Dr. Mease by the acting Corresponding Secretary, Dr. Harris, the writer gives the reasons why the Publishing Committee had not accepted and printed Dr. Mease's paper on the New Netherlands, which Dr. Harris now returns to him. One reason assigned, among others, was that the article was ascertained to be imperfect.

Dr. Mease, it would seem, had also spoken of Hariot, the author of a work

The Recording Secretary communicated a letter from Rev. Mr. Felt, resigning his office of Librarian, on account of his pressing engagements elsewhere.

On motion of Judge DAVIS,

Voted, To accept the resignation, and that the thanks of the Society be given to Mr. Felt for his valuable services.

Voted, To proceed to the choice of a Librarian;

And Rev. Dr. HARRIS was unanimously chosen,—
Messrs. I. P. DAVIS and BRADFORD, Scrutinizing Committee.

The President communicated an extract of a letter from George Folsom, Esq., of New York, stating that the New York Historical Society possessed only the first series of our Collections, and expressing his wish that the rest might be furnished.

The Standing Committee nominated Professor Simon Greenleaf, of the Law School of Harvard University, and Hon. Francis Baylies, of Taunton, for Resident Members, *vice* Rev. Dr. Holmes, deceased, and Rev. Mr. Sewall, resigned.

The Librarian was requested to consider and report upon the expediency of proposing an exchange of our Collections for those volumes of Niles's "Register" not owned by the Society.

The Librarian communicated donations from John

relating to Virginia, and had suggested that this treatise should be translated into English and published. Dr. Harris, in his reply, gives all the necessary information concerning this work, saying that while it had appeared in various foreign languages, it also existed in English, the language in which it was originally written. Students in our early history are so familiar to-day with the bibliography relating to Harlot that it is quite unnecessary to enlarge this note concerning him. Dr. Mease's paper on "Old American Coins" was printed in 3 Collections, VII. 282, 283.—Eds.

Williams, Esq., of Conway, J. F. Fisher, of Philadelphia, the New Hampshire Historical Society, Messrs. William Gibbs, John G. Palfrey, and Captain Charles Bradbury.

Judge DAVIS was chosen a Committee to examine and report upon the contents of the box of papers presented to the Society by John Williams, Esq., of Conway.

Voted, That a special vote of thanks be given to Mr. Williams for this donation.

Mr. SHATTUCK, who, at a former meeting, mentioned these papers, and was appointed a committee to obtain the same, stated that he had written to General Hoyt, and also to Mr. Williams, upon the subject, but had received no reply other than the transmission of these papers directly to the Society.

On account of Thanksgiving Day being appointed for Thursday, November 30, the day of the stated meeting of the Society,

Voted, That the November meeting be held on Thursday, the 23d of November.

Present — The President, Appleton, Austin, Bradford, Codman, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Gibbs, Harris, Jenks, Pierce, Savage, Shattuck, and Willard.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Nov. 23, 1837. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The President stated that he had been informed by George Folsom, Esq., that the New York Historical Society are deficient in the following volumes of our Collections: Vols. I., II., and IV. of the first series, Vols. III., IV., V., VI., VII., VIII., IX., and X. of the second series, and the whole of the third series; and that they have duplicates of Vols. VIII., IX., and X. of the first series. Whereupon,

Voted, That the Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Librarian be a committee to recommend to the Society from time to time such disposition of our Collections as they may deem expedient.

Mr. SAVAGE stated that he had recovered the original deed of Messrs. Vaughan, Scollay, and Bulfinch to the Society, of the estate in Franklin Place, and it was ordered that the same be placed in the keeping of the Cabinet-Keeper.*

Donations were communicated by the Librarian from the Congress of the United States, Messrs. Samuel G. Drake, Rev. Robert F. Wallcut, I. P. Davis, M. M. Noah, Lemuel Shattuck, J. E. Worcester, Rev. Mr. Young, Rev. Drs. Jenks and Parkman.

Voted, To refer to the Publishing Committee of Vol. VII. the expediency of republishing in that volume the account of the Society, originally published in the "Quarterly Register," prepared by Rev. Dr. Jenks.†

* This paper is now on the files of the Recording Secretary. — Eds.

† It was printed as the first article in that volume. — Eds.

Professor SIMON GREENLEAF, LL.D., of the Law School of Harvard University, and Hon. FRANCIS BAYLIES, of Taunton, were chosen as Resident Members.

Present — The President, Bartlett, Bradford, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gardner, Gibbs, Harris, Pierce, Quincy, Savage, Shattuck, Sparks, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Dec. 28, 1837. In the absence of the President, Judge DAVIS was called to the chair.

Mr. I. P. DAVIS stated that a portrait of the President of the Society, painted by Mr. Osgood, had been subscribed for by several of the members, whose names will be hereafter reported, and by them had been presented to the Society. Whereupon,

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to those gentlemen for their liberal donation; also, that the donation be accepted and placed in the Society's rooms.*

The following report, relating to the Williams papers was read, accepted, and ordered to be recorded, viz. : —

Boston, Dec. 28, 1837.

The Committee appointed at the meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, in October last, to examine the papers presented to the Society by John Williams, Esq., of Conway, and accompanying his letter of July 27, offer the following Report : —

* A heliotype *fac-simile* of this portrait of Lieutenant-Governor Winthrop will be found in this volume. — Eds.

The papers originally belonged to Colonel Israel Williams, of Hatfield, deceased, and comprehended his correspondence with Governor Hutchinson from the year 1748 to 1774, with various other documents of local and historical interest.

The dates of some of the papers in the collection are more ancient,—as early as 1730; and, as Colonel Williams was actively engaged in the war that terminated at the peace in 1763, and in the preceding French war, many of the documents are of a military character. He also sustained the office of Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in the county of Hampshire; and in the correspondence there are references to many particulars of interest in civil and political affairs during the administrations of Governors Shirley, Pownall, Bernard, and Hutchinson, and of the term of Shirley's absence,—eight years,—when the duties of the office were discharged by Lieutenant-Governor Phips. In the correspondence the names of Hawley, Worthington, Partridge, and other leading characters in Massachusetts not unfrequently appear.

The Committee have arranged these valuable remains in chronological order. It is desirable to preserve them all, which can best be done by having them bound in volumes. They would, if thus bound, make two large folio volumes. The Committee would recommend the following arrangement: Vol. I. to contain documents relating to Indian affairs, expeditions against them, &c. Vol. II., continuation of papers in reference to Indian affairs, papers respecting the foundation of Williams College, and correspondence with Hutchinson.

Respectfully submitted.

J. DAVIS,
THADDEUS M. HARRIS, } *Committee.*

Voted, That these papers be bound, pursuant to the recommendation of the Committee.

The Librarian communicated donations from Rev. Drs. Cogswell and Lamson, Rev. Mr. Young, the President of the Society, Governor Everett, the Congress of the United States, Messrs. William Sullivan, William Lincoln, and James C. Odiorne.

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to pay to Rev. Dr. Harris the sum paid by him for a copy of John Warner Barber's Connecticut Historical Collections for the Society.

Voted, That no book or pamphlet be taken from the Library until fifteen days after it has been received by the Society.

Judge DAVIS, Rev. Mr. YOUNG, and Rev. Dr. HARRIS were appointed a committee to consider and report at the next meeting as to the best mode of preserving the manuscripts of the Society.

Hon. Judge Durfee's letter of acceptance of his election as Corresponding Member was read.

Present — Appleton, Codman, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gibbs, Harris, Jenks, Pierce, Ripley, Savage, Willard, and Worcester.

MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1838.

Jan. 25, 1838. The President in the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read.

Judge DAVIS, from the Committee on the preservation of the manuscripts of the Society, asked further time to report.

The Librarian reported that he had caused the Williams papers to be bound, pursuant to the direction of the Society. He also communicated two letters

from Professor Rafn, of the Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries, in relation to the objects, transactions, and designs of the Society, touching our ante-Columbian history; which letters were referred, with the whole subject, to Judge DAVIS, Mr. PICKERING, and Governor EVERETT.*

* The following letter is on the Corresponding Secretary's file:—

" COPENHAGEN, Sept. 14, 1837.

(Duplicate, COPENHAGEN, Oct. 18, 1837.)

" Rev. CHARLES LOWELL, D.D.,
Boston, Massachusetts.

" DEAR SIR, — Providence has been pleased to grant that, after seven years' labor, I have now the satisfaction of seeing the '*Antiquitates Americane*' completed.

" The copies which you offered to transmit to the respective subscribers are now at the bookbinder's to be stitched. As soon as they are received back from him they will, without delay, be despatched by the first vessel sailing from Elsinore.

" The number of subscribers is as yet only small; but, now that the work is out, we may venture to hope that it will be considerably increased. This is not only desirable for the sake of the work itself, but is, moreover, very necessary with a view to our future labors.

" That you will take up this work with feelings of some expectation is what I can easily imagine, and it will give me no small satisfaction if your expectations shall be in some measure realized. It has been my endeavor to give to the world a faithful edition of these ancient records. You will here find a true picture of the events of times that are long since passed away. In my *Disquisitions* I have attempted simply to produce conviction by means of arguments, and have by no means sought to persuade by the ornaments of style. Here for the first time will be found indicated the precise spots where the ancient Northmen held their intercourse. In doing this, I hope I have brought forward a clear and convincing proof of the importance of the ancient records.

" I request you will get suitable notices inserted in some of the American periodicals, adding a recommendation to other editors of newspapers and journals to lend their aid towards directing the public attention to the work.

" The work has required considerable funds, which it was impossible for the Society to spare from the other undertakings it had previously projected. I was, therefore, myself obliged to furnish the greater part, otherwise it must have lain unpublished for perhaps another decennium.

" I think I may venture to hope that you will use your strenuous endeavors towards getting the expenses covered by means of an increased circulation. I know that you appreciate my labors in behalf of a good and praiseworthy cause, and that you will contribute all that lies in your power, so that my exer-

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. William H. Prescott, Josiah Quincy, Jr., William Lincoln, and Rev. Professor Palfrey.

tions and my partiality in favor of this American undertaking may not hereafter be cramped while there yet remains so very much to be done.

"I now commit the whole matter to your kind protection, and hope soon to receive an order from you for a larger number of copies of the '*Antiquitates Americanae*.'

"I remain, dear Sir, respectfully yours,

"CHARLES C. RAFFN,

Secretary of the Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries."

Another letter from Professor Raffn, dated Oct. 19, 1837, is on file, referring to the letter written on the preceding day, and saying that he had now sent a box to the care of Dr. Lowell, containing copies of the "*Antiquitates Americanae*" for subscribers, of whom he gives a list; also, letters for the subscribers, informing them that they can receive their packages from Dr. Lowell, on paying the amount to the Society's agents, Messrs. A. & C. Cunningham, in Boston. The box also contained packages for several American gentlemen. The letter then proceeds:—

"A letter has been prepared by the Society's Committee on the Antecolumbian History of America, the object of it being to announce that the '*Antiquitates Americanae*' are now published, and also to contribute towards the erection by the Society of a permanent fund for the furtherance of the undertakings of the Committee, a measure highly necessary to enable the Committee to prosecute its operations with vigor. Copies of this letter are now enclosed, addressed to the subscribers and some other gentlemen, recommended to your kind care.

"Perhaps it may be possible to get the English prospectus stitched along with a number of the '*North American Review*,' whereby it would become still more generally known. The number of copies sent will, I hope, be sufficient for this purpose for Massachusetts. . . .

"In future, when new geographies or maps are published, it would be very desirable if something could be done to perpetuate such local names as we know with certainty were given in the beginning of the eleventh century. Such are, for example, Rialarness, Furdustrandir (Straumsfjördr), Streamfirth, and Hope.

"I have a remarkable piece of news to communicate to you respecting our antecolumbian concerns. Our collaborator, Professor Finn Magnussen, has been fortunate enough to decipher, in a very satisfactory manner, the inscriptions in the *Paradisarhellir* which are of historical importance. His communication on this subject will be inserted in one of the next numbers of the '*Annals and Memoirs*.' The North European origin of the monuments in Massachusetts and Rhode Island is thereby in a strong degree corroborated. In fact, we may now pronounce it indubitable.

"I remain, dear Sir, respectfully yours, &c.,

CHARLES C. RAFFN."

Eds.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Mr. Prescott for his valuable donation.*

Voted, That the Librarian be authorized to bind as many of the manuscripts of the Society as in his discretion he may think proper.

Mr. Nichols, at his own request, was excused from serving on the Committee for preparing the Index to the third decade.

Mr. Bancroft nominated Hon. A. W. Cochran, of Québec, Vice-President of the Quebec Historical Society, for a Corresponding Member.

Mr. LINCOLN stated that the American Antiquarian Society were in possession of one volume of Governor Belcher's manuscript letters; and, as the remaining volumes belonged to this Society, the Executive Committee of the Antiquarian Society had voted to present their volume to the Society. Whereupon,

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to the Executive Committee for the destination they have given to this volume.

Present—The President, Bancroft, Bradford, Codman, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Francis, Gibbs, Greenleaf, Greenwood, Harris, Lincoln, Mitchell, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, White, Willard, and Young.

* Mr. Prescott's donation consisted of a copy of his "Ferdinand and Isabella."—*Eds.*

MONTHLY MEETING.

Feb. 22, 1838. In the absence of the President, Judge DAVIS was called to the chair.

Donations were communicated from the American Antiquarian Society, the heirs of the late John Codman, Esq., Rev. Drs. Cogswell and Palfrey, Simon Greenleaf, Alden Bradford, Dr. Jacob Porter, and Lieutenant Hood.

Voted, That the Librarian be authorized to purchase for the Society Yates and Moulton's "History of New York," 1824.

Hon. A. W. COCHRAN, of Quebec, Vice-President of the Quebec Historical Society, was elected Corresponding Member.

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized to act in behalf of the Society in settling their claim against the American Stationers Company.

Present — Bradford, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gardner, Harris, Lincoln, Merrill, Quincy, Savage, and Willard.

MONTHLY MEETING.

March 29, 1838. In the absence of the President, Judge DAVIS was called to the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Count de Macedo, of the Royal Academy of Sciences at Lisbon,

acknowledging the receipt of the Collections of this Society.

The Librarian communicated donations from Governor Winthrop, Edward S. Rand, Rev. Dr. Cogswell, Rev. J. L. Sibley, Rev. S. J. May, N. G. Snelling, J. Willard, and the American Philosophical Society.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to Hon. T. L. Winthrop for his valuable donation of Parliamentary debates; also, to N. G. Snelling, Esq., for his valuable donation of a volume of Governor Belcher's manuscript letters.*

Voted, That the Librarian be directed to publish immediately after each meeting, in the Boston "Daily Advertiser," a list of the donations made at such meeting.†

Sundry manuscripts presented by Miss Belknap, daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Belknap, through the instrumentality of I. P. Davis, Esq., were referred to the Publishing Committee.

Mr. I. P. DAVIS stated to the Society that the Society would be permitted to take a copy of the original portrait of Sebastian Cabot, which belongs to Richard Biddle, Esq., of Pittsburg; that the Society could have a first-rate copy, to be painted by Mr. John G. Chapman, of New York, for one hundred and fifty dollars; and that he was authorized to say that a gentleman of Boston would defray the expense, if the Society would deliver to him two copies of the Collections,—which

* The Society has now in one of its cupboards nine folio volumes (one of them fragmentary) of Jonathan Belcher's letters. Four of these volumes came from Dr. Belknap, one each from Dr. McKean, the American Antiquarian Society, and Mr. Snelling, and the remaining two from some source not yet indicated in the records.—EDS.

† The Society ceased from this time to publish in the Collections a list of the donations made to it,—the last acknowledgment being in Vol. VII., pp. 202-206, of the third series, for the year 1838.—EDS.

was readily agreed to, and Mr. DAVIS was requested to carry the measure into effect.

Judge DAVIS, from the Committee on Professor Rafn's letter, referred at the January meeting, made a report, which was read and accepted; and it was ordered that a copy thereof be forwarded to the Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries at Copenhagen.*

Present — Bancroft, Bradford, Judge Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gardner, Harris, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, and Willard.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1838.

April 26, 1838. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

Judge DAVIS, from the Committee on the preservation of the manuscripts of the Society, appointed at the last December meeting, stated that the Committee had not been together, and were not ready to report.

Donations were announced by the Librarian from the President, and Messrs. I. P. Davis, Henry R. Lambert, J. W. Barber, Professor Greenleaf, and Rev. Messrs. Young and Palfrey.

The following gentlemen were unanimously elected officers of the Society for the ensuing year, viz. : —

* "Report recorded at length at May meeting." *Marginal note.* — Eds.

THOMAS L. WINTHROP	PRESIDENT.
JOSEPH WILLARD	RECORDING SECRETARY.
CHARLES LOWELL	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JAMES SAVAGE	TREASURER.
THADDEUS M. HARRIS	LIBRARIAN.
ISAAC P. DAVIS	CABINET-KEEPER.
JAMES SAVAGE	} STANDING COMMITTEE.
CONVERS FRANCIS	
ALEXANDER YOUNG	
JOSEPH B. FELT	
SAMUEL P. GARDNER	

Rev. Dr. HARRIS was chosen Corresponding Secretary *ad interim*, Dr. Lowell being absent in Europe.

The following report on the Treasurer's accounts was read and accepted, viz.:—

The undersigned, a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society to examine the accounts of their Treasurer, James Savage, for the past year, having this day performed that service, report that the accounts are well kept, properly vouched, and correctly cast, by which a balance in favor of the Society appears of eighteen $\frac{80}{100}$ dollars and a half cent.*

SAMUEL P. GARDNER, }
ISAAC P. DAVIS, } Committee.

April 26, 1838.

Voted, To grant to Rev. Dr. Harris, for his services as Librarian the last six months, the same sum (one hundred dollars) as was voted to him for the preceding six months, by vote of April, 1837.

Voted, That the Publishing Committee call on the Chairman of the Committee appointed at the April meeting, 1836, to select a committee on the subject of notices of deceased members, for information in

* The receipts for the year amounted to \$445.87, of which sum \$269 were from the proceeds of the lectures, \$92 for admission fee and assessments, and \$84.87 from sales of publications. The payments amounted to \$571.13. Of this sum \$290.62 were for printing the Collections, \$100 for compensation to the sub-Librarian, \$83.25 for interest and taxes, \$5.25 for insurance on the Franklin Place estate, and the remainder for miscellaneous expenses. — Eds.

relation to the doings of the selected Committee, and to report at the next meeting.

Present — The President, Austin, Bartlett, Bradford, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gardner, Gibbs, Greenleaf, Harris, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

Dissolved.

JOSEPH WILLARD,
Recording Secretary.

MONTHLY MEETING.

May 31, 1838. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

At the request of Mr. Savage, Mr. I. P. DAVIS was substituted as a committee to settle with the American Stationers Company, pursuant to the vote of February, 1838.

The Recording Secretary communicated a letter from Rev. Dr. Lowell, dated London, March 9, 1838, covering a donation from John Disney, Esq., of the Hyde, near Ingate Stone, in Essex, England, of sundry letters to and from Hollis; also, two volumes of his father's (late Rev. Mr. Disney) sermons, and a stamped paper, issued under the Boston Stamp Act. Whereupon,

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to Mr. Disney for his kind remembrance and donation.

He also communicated a letter from Hon. John Lowell, covering a donation from George Knight, Esq., of Havana, of a manuscript discourse pronounced at Havana by Don Joseph Augustin Cabellero, Professor

in the College in that city, on the reinterment of the remains of Columbus there, Jan. 19, 1796, it being the original from which the discourse was delivered, "in the beautiful writing of the orator."

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Mr. Knight for his valuable and interesting donation, and also to Mr. Lowell for his successful exertions in their behalf.*

* The following is Mr. Lowell's letter, which accompanied the Spanish manuscript:—

"ROXBURY, May 25th, 1838.

"JOSEPH WILLARD, Esq., Secretary of the
Massachusetts Historical Society.

"SIR,—When the Government of Spain ceded to France, in 1795, the Spanish part of St. Domingo, it was expressly stipulated that they should have a right to remove the bones of Christopher Columbus, which then reposed in the Cathedral Church of the city of St. Domingo. They sent a seventy-four gun ship and two frigates to escort in safety these remains to the capital of the island of Cuba, Havana; and, on the nineteenth day of January, 1796, the remains of that extraordinary man were carried with great military and civil pomp to the Cathedral of our 'Lady of the Conception,' at Havana, and a learned and eloquent eulogium was then delivered over these remains by Don Joseph Augustin Cabellero, a professor in the college in that city. Hearing, while in Havana, that the discourse had been printed, I endeavored to procure a copy for the Library of our Historical Society. All my endeavors proved fruitless; but my friend, George Knight, Esq., formerly of Newburyport and Boston, and long an eminent merchant in Havana, has been fortunate enough to obtain the original, from which the address was delivered, in the beautiful writing of the orator, and has sent it to me, to be presented to the Massachusetts Historical Society. Every thing which concerns that great man has its interest for us, and a discourse by a learned Spaniard, upon so remarkable an occasion as the transference of his remains to the place of their present repose, must be peculiarly so. Any notice which you or the Society may please to take of Mr. Knight's attention I will carefully transmit to him.

"I am, dear Sir, very respectfully yours,

JOHN LOWELL."

It is not strictly true that the treaty referred to stipulated a reservation of the remains of Columbus. The suggestion of their translation from St. Domingo to Havana was an afterthought, or a subsequent proposal, of the Lieutenant-General of the Royal Armada of Spain, Don Gabriel de Aristizabal, who had been despatched to the island with the royal squadron to assist in the accomplishment of the cession of the Spanish possessions in the island of Hispaniola to France. The suggestion was readily adopted by the authorities of both the islands of Hispaniola and of Cuba, but there was no time, without great inconvenience, to consult with the home governments. See Irving's Columbus, Appendix, No. I.—Eds.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Legislature of the Commonwealth, also from Messrs. William Lincoln, Peter Force, John Pickering, and Lemuel Shattuck.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter of acceptance from Hon. Francis Baylies, of Taunton, who was elected a member of the Society in November last.

The Recording Secretary, in behalf of Rev. Dr. Lowell, nominated John Disney, Esq., of The Hyde, near Ingate Stone, in Essex, England, for a Corresponding Member of the Society.

On motion of Mr. SHATTUCK,

Voted, That the Standing Committee prepare a circular letter, to be sent to such individuals as they may deem expedient, stating the objects of the Society, and requesting the contribution of all such books, pamphlets, and manuscripts as they may be willing to present to the Society or deposit in the Library; also, that the said Committee publish the letter in the several newspapers printed in the State.

On motion of Mr. WORCESTER,

Voted, That the Standing Committee consider the expediency of having an Honorary Corresponding Member in each of the remote counties of the State, whose duty it shall be to collect and forward to the Library of the Society such books, pamphlets, and manuscripts as may be useful to the Society, and convenient for him to procure; and that that Committee, should they think it proper, nominate candidates for such membership.

The following report, made at the March meeting, on the subject of Professor Rafn's letter, is here recorded, viz. : —

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
March 29, 1838.

The Committee appointed at the meeting in January last, relative to the publications then recently received from the

Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries, having perused the letters from Professor Rafn written in behalf of that Society, and the replies of Rev. Dr. Harris in behalf of this Society, in the absence of the Corresponding Secretary, find that all due and respectful notice has been taken of the communications received from that Society.* They would recommend,

* The following are the letters of Dr. Harris, the acting Corresponding Secretary, referred to by the Committee:—

“ BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, Jan. 23, 1838.

“ Professor RAFN, Copenhagen.

“ HON. SIR,—The Rev. Dr. Lowell having gone to Europe for the benefit of his health, I have been appointed to attend to the duties of his office as Corresponding Secretary of the Massachusetts Historical Society. In consequence of which, your letter of Sept. 14, 1837, with the under date of October 18, addressed to him, was transmitted to me, together with the box containing books and certain small packages, brought to our port by the American ship ‘Wallace,’ Captain C. Thaxter. All the letters and parcels have been forwarded to their destination, and several of the books delivered, for which the money was received by myself, and has been paid over to Messrs. A. & C. Cunningham, agreeably to your request; and, before this reaches you, the whole will be settled with them, in accomplishment of the responsibility devolved upon me. I may premise, however, that having informed George Folsom, Esq., of New York, that a volume awaited him, he wrote me thus: ‘Mr. Bartlett, the agent and correspondent of Professor Rafn in this city, delivered a copy of the “*Antiquitates Americanae*” to me, some weeks ago, for which I paid him. This was the only volume for which I subscribed.’ For the volume thus on my hands I will endeavor to find a purchaser. Not knowing who ‘the gentleman of Salem’ could be, nor how to find out, I have sold the volume to the American Antiquarian Society at Worcester, who wished that their Library should possess a copy. The one noted for me I have taken, though I was not a subscriber. I have not yet examined the work, but perceive that it is a splendid volume. I hope that I may yet have the opportunity of reading it with care and critical note; though my advanced age and miserable state of health unfit me almost wholly for studious application. Of consequence, I must decline the proposal of election as a member of the Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries. A feeble septuagenarian, I could not presume on being able to contribute any thing to the literary or historical investigations of the Society; and my worldly circumstances are such as would not justify any pecuniary deduction for what would be but a plume on my hearse. I am, however, not insensible to the honor intended me by this nomination, and feel grateful to those who proposed it. In this connection, permit me to assure you of the tender sensibility of Madam Fiske, the relict of the Hon. Oliver Fiske, M.D., deceased, for the like honor intended her husband. I must also notify you of the death of Alexander Dustin, Esq., of Sterling, to whose widow I have transmitted your letter.

“ The copies of the English prospectus of the ‘*Antiquitates Americanae*’ were

however, in addition, that instructions be given to some proper officer or officers of this Society to carry into execution the expressed wishes of that Society for diffusing and

received too late to be attached to the number of the 'North American Review,' which has just been published. I have sent them to the editor, to accompany that of the next. There is, however, in the one now issued a review of the work itself, made from a volume which the writer had obtained several weeks before those for societies and subscribers arrived in the city of Boston. The article is said to be elaborate and learned, and such as will be likely to attract the most respectful notice of the exceedingly interesting volume.

"Your letters to Dr. Lowell will be laid before the Society at their next meeting, and united attention called to their contents.

"As an individual, a worn-out village clergyman, my own sphere of action and influence is very limited. Well will it be, if, in this office of Corresponding Secretary, which I am discharging by substitution, I fall not far short of what is expected or implied by its assignment to me.

"I am, however, with great respect, your humble servant,

"THADDEUS MASON HARRIS."

"FEB. 13, 1838.

"To Professor RAFFN.

"HON. SIR, — My letter of January 23 last was sent to Mr. Bartlett, of New York, who, I am informed, is your agent and correspondent, to be by him forwarded to you. In it I stated that, as Dr. Lowell was on a visit to Europe for the benefit of his health, the duty of Corresponding Secretary of the Massachusetts Historical Society in his absence had been assigned to me. I have, therefore, attended to what your letters had requested of him, by causing to be delivered to subscribers and others the books and parcels received by the ship 'Wallace,' and paying over the moneys received to Messrs. A. & C. Cunningham, namely:—

"In the first list, for those books more particularly directed to	
the care of Dr. Lowell	\$97.00
In the second list, for sale of the books to others	149.50
For 'composition' of President Quincy	27.00
And for the sum to constitute the Hon. T. L. Winthrop 'a	
founder'	54.00

Making the whole amount paid Messrs. Cunningham \$327.50

"I have received from the aged and venerable Aaron Bancroft, D.D., of Worcester, a letter, desiring me to express his grateful acknowledgment of the honor of being placed on the list of nomination of proposed members of the Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries,—a distinction with which he will be pleased; as also from Abijah Bigelow, Esq., of Worcester, whose letter accompanies this.

"At a late meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, your communications to the Rev. Dr. Lowell were placed in the hands of a committee, with

extending information of their publications, especially of those having relation to early discoveries of America, and to transmit to their Secretary, if obtainable, free of expense, such publications as have been or may be made in this country, relative to the ante-Columbian discoveries announced in the Transactions of that Society.

The Committee are not prepared to offer a review or examination of the works transmitted by that Society, and are not certain that a service of that description was intended to be directed in their commission. It would require for its due performance more time and labor than the Committee are prepared to bestow on the subject. Such investigation, it is thought, may well be left for voluntary individual choice, or for future selection, if this Society should deem it expedient to cause such review or examination to be made by their express direction.

J. DAVIS,

In behalf of the Committee.

Present — The President, Austin, Bartlett, Bradford, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gibbs, Greenleaf, Harris, Lewis, Lincoln, Mitchell, Palfrey, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

reference to some important suggestions which they contain, as well as to the exceedingly interesting discoveries exhibited and applied in the magnificent volume of '*Antiquitates Americanae*' to which they refer.

"By early acknowledging the receipt of this letter and that of January 23, as also one from me in my humble individuality, dated Aug. 25, 1837, with a small parcel of books, you will greatly oblige," &c.

Dr. Harris also wrote to Professor Rafn, May 9, 1838, repeating the assurance of having attended to the business on behalf of the Society of Northern Antiquaries; and on the following September he again wrote, referring to his former letters of January 23, February 13, and May 8, which gave the information concerning the collection and disposition of funds, &c., and saying he felt a solicitude to know if his letters had been received. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

June 28, 1838. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Recording Secretary communicated a letter from Rev. Dr. Palfrey, resigning his place as a Fellow; which resignation was, after deliberation, accepted.

Judge DAVIS communicated a letter from Rev. Leonard Bacon, of New Haven, establishing the fact of the death of Isaac Allerton at New Haven in 1659. The letter was referred to the Publishing Committee.*

Judge Davis nominated Rev. Leonard Bacon, of New Haven, and Mr. Felt, in behalf of Mr. Bancroft, who was absent, nominated the Rev. Francis L. Hawks, D.D., of New York, for Corresponding Members.

The Standing Committee nominated William H. Prescott, Esq., of Boston, for Immediate Member.

JOHN DISNEY, Esq., of The Hyde, near Ingate Stone, Essex, England, was chosen Corresponding Member.

Mr. SAVAGE stated to the meeting that the reprint of Vol. I., second series, was nearly out of the press.†

The Librarian communicated donations from the President of the Society, William Brigham, Esq., and the Rhode Island Historical Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Count de Macedo, of Lisbon, announcing that he had forwarded to the Society the second part of Vol.

* See 3 Collections, VII. 243-249. — Eds.

† This volume was reprinted this year by John H. Eastburn. — Eds.

XI., and the first part of Vol. XII., of the publications of the Royal Academy of Sciences at Lisbon.

Mr. I. P. DAVIS, from the Committee on the subject, reported that he had settled with the American Stationers Company, and had become party to the assignment in behalf of the Society, and that the whole of the Society's claim would probably be realized; also, that a balance of some ten or fifteen dollars remained due from Messrs. Russell & Shattuck.*

He also reported that the whole expense of the copy of Sebastian Cabot's portrait, with the frame, and two sets of the Collections, had been defrayed by the liberality of our President.† Whereupon,

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to the President for his munificence, again manifested by this highly valuable and interesting donation.

Present — The President, Appleton, Bartlett, Bradford, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Harris, Pierce, Ripley, Savage, Willard, and Young.

* It will be remembered that the Society, in March, 1835 (see *ante*, p. 62), made an agreement for three years with Russell, Odiorne, & Co., book publishers, for the sale of their Collections. This firm was soon afterward succeeded by that of Russell, Shattuck, & Co., who, in turn, with sundry authors, formed the "American Stationers Company." This name appears on the title-page of one of the volumes of the Society's Collections, — Vol. VI., third series, Boston, 1837. The Society may have tacitly allowed their agreement to pass to the successors of the original contractors. Mr. Lemuel Shattuck, a member of the last two concerns, was also a member of the Society. The Stationers Company soon failed, its funds being used up, as was afterward ascertained, in paying the debts of Russell, Shattuck, & Co., and both firms appear to have been indebted to the Society. — Eds.

† See a notice of this portrait, and some discussion relative to the original picture, in *Proceedings for January, 1835*, pp. 91-96, by the late Dr. Appleton. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

July 26, 1838. The President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, the Librarian acted as Recording Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Rev. FRANCIS L. HAWKS, D.D., Rector of St. Thomas's Church, New York, and Rev. LEONARD BACON, of New Haven, were chosen Corresponding Members. WILLIAM H. PRESCOTT, Esq., of Boston, was chosen a Resident Member.

The President nominated Professor James L. Kingsley, of New Haven, and Mr. Savage nominated M. Henri Ternaux, of Paris, France, for Corresponding Members.

The Librarian communicated a donation of books from the family of the late William Taylor, of this city; also, from Judge White, of Salem, Professor Palfrey, Rev. Messrs. Young and Greenwood, Hon. Nathan Appleton, and the Royal Academy of Sciences at Lisbon.

Present — The President, Austin, Bartlett, Bradford, Codman, I. P. Davis, Felt, Gibbs, Gray, Jenks, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Ticknor, and White.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Aug. 28, 1838. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Rev. Leonard Bacon, accepting his election as Honorary Member.

The Librarian communicated donations from Rev. F. W. P. Greenwood, Professor Kingsley, and Richard Haughton, Esq.

Voted, That the Librarian cause to be suitably bound the manuscript eulogy on Columbus that was pronounced at Havana by Professor Cabellero, and was presented to this Society at the last May meeting.

Messrs. PRESCOTT, PICKERING, and HARRIS were appointed a committee for the purpose of translating Professor Cabellero's eulogy on Columbus, to be published in the next volume of the Collections.

Rev. Dr. HARRIS, from the Publishing Committee, announced that Vol. VII., third series, was this day published, and was ready for delivery.

The President nominated John L. Stephens, of New York, and Mr. Pickering nominated George Catlin, Esq., of New York, for Corresponding Members.

JAMES L. KINGSLEY, LL.D., Professor at Yale College, New Haven, and M. HENRI TERNAUX, were chosen Corresponding Members.

Mr. SAVAGE, from the Committee on the disposition of the Collections, reported a request from Leonard Bliss, Jr., Esq., in behalf of the Kentucky Historical

Society, for the published volumes of the third series of our Collections.* Whereupon,

Voted, To present to the Kentucky Society a set of the third series.

Messrs. GRAY, PRESCOTT, FELT, and YOUNG were chosen Publishing Committee for Vol. VIII., third series.

Mr. SAVAGE was requested to continue the insurance on the Society's property in Franklin Street.

Messrs. WILLARD, I. P. DAVIS, and GRAY were appointed a committee to determine upon the expediency

* The following is Mr. Bliss's letter, on file:—

“LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, March 2, 1838.

“HON. JAMES SAVAGE.

“DEAR SIR,—Our Legislature has just chartered a Kentucky Historical Society, of which I have the honor to be the projector. If you have a copy of the Constitution of the Massachusetts Historical Society, in an unbound or pamphlet form, will you do me the favor to send it to me by mail at this place? We have not yet drawn up our Constitution, and should probably receive much assistance from yours. Will you also put down the Kentucky Historical Society among the list of those to which you will send the publications of your Society. They may be directed to my address, and left at the book-store of S. G. Drake, No. 56 Cornhill, Boston. Our Society will devote itself to Western history, in the widest sense of the term, and will give great attention to the mounds and early antiquities of this part of the country. I am at present connected with a college, recently established in this city, in the capacity of Professor of Belles-Lettres and History. I should have spared you this trouble, and written to my friend, Judge Mitchell, had I been certain of his being in Boston. I thought he might be at East Bridgewater, and so not get my letter till it should be too late to be of any service to me.

“With the highest esteem, I am, dear Sir, your most obedient humble servant,
LEONARD BLISS, Jr.”

Mr. Bliss had been a resident of Massachusetts. He entered Brown University in 1831, and left in his Junior year. During his college vacations he collected the materials of his “History of Rehoboth,” published in Boston in 1836. He edited the “Republican” newspaper in Boston, and subsequently taught school in Stow and in Plymouth. He then went to Louisville, Kentucky, and was Professor of Belles-Lettres and History in Louisville College, and associated with Prentice in the “Louisville Journal.” He was shot with a pistol in that city, in 1842 or 1843, by Godfrey Pope, brother of Governor Pope, on account of an article in the “Journal,” relating to the latter. Mr. Bliss was a man of great promise. (*Letter from the Rev. Elias Nason, Mr. Bliss's classmate.*)—*Eds.*

of having a course of lectures the ensuing season, with full powers, if they should see fit, to decide thereupon, and to make all necessary arrangements for the course.

Present — The President, Bradford, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Gibbs, Gray, Harris, Jenks, Pickering, Prescott, Ripley, Savage, and Willard.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Sept. 27, 1838. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

Mr. Quincy was excused, at his own request, from serving on the Committee on the subject of memoirs of deceased members, appointed pursuant to the vote of the April meeting, 1836.

Rev. Dr. PIERCE was chosen in his place, but was subsequently excused, at his own request, and Rev. Dr. JENKS was then chosen to fill the vacancy.

JOHN L. STEPHENS, and GEORGE CATLIN, Esqs., of New York, were chosen Honorary Members.*

* The first Constitution of the Historical Society, adopted Jan. 24, 1791, provided for the election of not exceeding thirty members, who shall be citizens of Massachusetts; also for Corresponding Members, chosen in other States or countries, whose number also shall not exceed thirty. The former class was not otherwise designated than as "members," but they soon became known in the records as "Resident Members," while the others continued to be called, as above, "Corresponding Members."

The charter of incorporation, of Jan. 24, 1794, provided also for but two classes of members, viz.: "The number of members of said Society shall never be more than sixty, except Honorary Members, residing without the limits of this Commonwealth." In the By-Laws, adopted in June, four months later, both classes of members were not otherwise designated than as those residing within the State, and those residing without the State; but the records named

The President nominated John Winthrop, Esq., of New Orleans, and M. Constantine D. Schinas, Counselor of State of His Majesty the King of Greece, and Rector of the University of Athens, for Corresponding Members.

Mr. YOUNG communicated from Colonel Aspinwall a manuscript copy of the printed volume of John Brereton, containing an account of Gosnold's voyage in 1602; also, a letter from Colonel Aspinwall on the subject. Whereupon, the thanks of the Society were voted to Colonel Aspinwall for his kind donation.

Voted, To refer the copy of Brereton to the Publishing Committee, with a request that they report at the next meeting whether to print the same separately or as a part of the next volume of the Collections.

The Librarian communicated donations from Rev. Dr. Jasper Adams, Rev. Dr. Cogswell, Rev. Abiel Abbot, and from Lemuel Shattuck, Joseph E. Worcester, and Theodore Dwight, Jr., Esqs.

The Committee on Lectures reported that they had not been able to provide a course of lectures this season.

them, as before, "Resident Members" and "Corresponding Members," and these designations were used in the amended code of By-Laws, adopted in 1809.

In a few instances in the records, as in the case above, nominations or elections of persons residing without the Commonwealth have been made as "Honorary Members," but the name was used as a convertible term with "Corresponding Members." In some instances, as in this, persons have been nominated as "Corresponding Members," and elected as "Honorary Members"; but the latter term was rarely used, and there could have been but one uniform style adopted in the diplomas issued.

In the amended By-Laws of 1863, members without the State were designated as "Honorary or Corresponding Members." By the amendment of the charter in 1867, the Society was authorized to elect three classes of members, — Resident, Honorary, and Corresponding. — Eds.

The President communicated a letter from P. F. Kimball, Esq., to Adam Winthrop, Esq., April 11, 1838, in relation to the manuscript Journal of La Salle, saying he had reason to believe that the original was in the Library at Washington; also, a letter from Judge Henry A. Bullard, of Louisiana, to Adam Winthrop, Esq., May 10, 1838, giving it as his opinion that this manuscript is the Journal of La Harpe,* which has been published; also, a letter from Rev. Dr. Robertson, of Syra, Greece, June 20, 1838, acknowledging the receipt of diplomas for himself and M. Jacobaki Rizos.

Present—The President, Appleton, Bartlett, I. P. Davis, J. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gibbs, Gray, Harris, Mitchell, Pierce, Prescott, Quincy, Savage, Shattuck, Upham, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Oct. 25, 1838. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated a translation of Professor Cabellero's eulogy on Columbus, made under the direction of William H. Prescott, Esq., pursuant to a vote at the meeting in August last. Whereupon, the thanks of the Society were voted to Mr. Prescott for his kind services in their behalf.

* Judge Bullard, to whom reference is made, was a Corresponding Member of this Society, and the first President of the Louisiana Historical Society. He died in 1851. The Journal of La Harpe was printed in Vol. III. of B. F. French's "Historical Collections of Louisiana." New York, 1851.—Eds.

Voted, To refer the translation of Cabellero's eulogy to the Publishing Committee of Vol. VIII.*

* The original manuscript of Cabellero's eulogy, as well as the translation made under the direction of Mr. Prescott, in the handwriting of his secretary, are both in the Society's Library. The Publishing Committee of Vol. VIII., third series, to whom the latter was referred, did not print it. They probably saw that it contained little that was really valuable in an historical point of view. But they did print, as a substitute for it, the account of Columbus from the manuscript "History of the Catholic Sovereigns, Ferdinand and Isabella," by Andres Bernaldez, translated from a copy of the original manuscript, belonging to Mr. Prescott. Bernaldez's History has since been published entire. The following is the title of Cabellero's, or Cavellero's Discourse, as rendered into English:—

"A Funeral Discourse, in Eulogy of the Most Excellent Señor Don Christopher Columbus, First Admiral, Viceroy, and Governor-General of the West Indies, their Discoverer and Conqueror. Pronounced on occasion of the removal of his ashes from the Metropolitan Church of St. Domingo to the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Conception, at Havana, by Dr. Joseph Augustin Cavellero, Professor of Philosophy in the Royal and Consiliary College of St. Charles and St. Ambrose, on the morning of 19th January, 1796."

This Discourse purports to have been delivered on the 19th of January, 1796, in Havana, on the day of the reception there of the remains of Columbus by the authorities of the island of Cuba. The orator thus begins his address:—

"How different, illustrious Christopher Columbus, great Admiral of the Indies, how different is thine entry this morning, through the streets of Havana, from that which thou didst make in the year 1492, into the delightful island of Guanahani!"

Naverrete, tom. II., p. 365, publishes abstracts from official accounts of the transfer of the precious bones and dust of the great Discoverer from San Domingo to Havana, and of their reception there by the civil, military, and ecclesiastical authorities of the island of Cuba, and of their deposit in the Cathedral Church, amidst the most imposing ceremonies.

Doubts have recently been expressed in some quarters as to the genuineness of the remains transferred from San Domingo to Havana in 1796. While this note has been in preparation, some resolutions have been received from the New Jersey Historical Society, adopted Jan. 30, 1879, in which they say: "It appears to be a fact settled beyond reasonable doubt that the mortal remains of the great discoverer, Christopher Columbus, were never removed from San Domingo, but are still there, in the custody of Canon Billini, of the Cathedral Church in that city, acting under the authority of the municipal government, as was shown by their discovery and examination on the 10th of September, 1877, and the re-examination made at the request of his Catholic Majesty the King of Spain, on the 2d of January, 1878." These resolutions were accompanied by a pamphlet, entitled "Los Restos de Colon en Santo Domingo. Por Emiliano Tejera. Santo Domingo, 1878."

The people of San Domingo desire to erect a suitable monument in their Cathedral, over what they regard as the genuine remains of Columbus, and

Voted, That as the annual Thanksgiving will occur on the 29th of November next, the day of the stated meeting of the Society, that the next meeting be held on the 22d of November (Thursday).

JOHN WINTHROP, Esq., of the city of New Orleans, and M. CONSTANTINE D. SCHINAS, of Athens, Greece, were elected Corresponding Members.

Mr. GRAY, from the Publishing Committee, to whom was referred at the last meeting the manuscript of Brereton, reported that the same ought to be published in the Collections, which report was accepted.*

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. J. Sparks, John Pickering, J. E. Worcester, and Hon. Peter O. Thacher.

Mr. SAVAGE stated that one of the members had not paid his annual assessments for several years, as required by the rules of the Society, and requested the instructions of the Society on the subject. Whereupon,

Voted, To refer the subject to Messrs. Young and I. P. Davis, to report thereupon at the next meeting.

Voted, That the Librarian be requested to have fifty blank diplomas struck off, partly on paper and partly on parchment.

Present — The President, Austin, Bartlett, Bradford, Felt, Gibbs, Gray, Harris, Lincoln, Mitchell, Pierce, Prescott, Ripley, Savage, White, Willard, and Young.

Historical Societies in this country are invoked to render necessary assistance. The people of Havana, on the other hand, claim that the genuine remains are deposited in that city, and the pamphlet controversy is probably not yet ended. The question as to where the true casket is now reposing seems likely never to be settled. In the mean time, the occasion seems to have inspired a new and elegant edition at Paris of Roselly de Lorgues' "Life and Voyages of Columbus," first published in that city in 1864. In this work the author claims the sanctity of Christopher Columbus, and urges that the Romish Church should declare him to be a saint. — Eds.

* It was printed in Vol. VIII. of the third series, with Archer's account of the same voyage from Purchas; the whole followed by Bodley's Relation of Weymouth's Voyage in 1605. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Nov. 22, 1838. In the absence of the President, the Hon. John Quincy Adams was called to the chair.

The Recording Secretary not being present, the Librarian was appointed to keep the record of the meeting. The record of the last meeting was read.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the circumstances of a delinquent payment, pursuant to the vote at the October meeting, desired leave of further time for consideration.

The letter of Mr. Catlin accepting his election as Corresponding Member was read.

The report of the Librarian being read, it was voted that the same be entered on the records, and is as follows, viz. : —

Librarian's Report.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
Nov. 12, 1838.

GENTLEMEN, — Having been Librarian for the Massachusetts Historical Society just one year and a half, I feel it proper for me to give some account of what I have done in the discharge of duties connected with that office.

I entered upon the employment May 11, 1837; and, for one whole year, with few unavoidable detentions, was in the Library every secular day of the week, excepting Saturday. Since then the state of my health has taken me off about a fourth part of the time, till the last of October, and since then I have been in the Library only on Thursdays.

My first object was to complete the Catalogue, by entering in it all the tracts which had been recently bound into volumes, and were placed on the three upper shelves on the

north side of the room, and also the books on the shelves adjoining the New England Library on the west side, and late additions elsewhere. This was chiefly double entry, first on the blank leaf of each volume of tracts, and then in the general Catalogue.

My next attention was paid to the files of old manuscripts. From these I selected such as appeared most worthy of preservation, arranged them in chronological order,* and had them bound up in fourteen thick folio volumes, which are thus classed : —

Seven of "Letters and Papers," from 1632 to the end of 1824.

One of "Letters and Papers," respecting affairs of Boston.

One of "Letters to and from Dr. Colman."

Two of "Letters and Papers" from the family of "Colonel Israel Williams," respecting French and Indian war, together with letters from Governor Hutchinson, and documents about the founding of Williams College, from 1730 to 1780.

One of "Captain Moses Greenleaf's Military Papers."

One of ecclesiastical papers, principally from the "Rev. T. Prince's Collection."

One of original documents respecting the "Siege of Louisburg."

Although the expense of binding them is a heavy tax on the Society, yet it will not be deemed inconsiderately incurred when it is understood that these are varied materials for ascertaining facts or indicating circumstances, and detailing incidents, of a local nature, indeed, but subservient to general history; and, when an index shall be made to these volumes, they may be consulted with special advantage.

My next labor was bestowed on the Trumbull letters and papers, to mark the pages and make an index. This has been accomplished only for the first nine volumes, but I trust to finish the remainder in the course of the winter.

The volumes of our Collections, which had occupied so much room in the ante-chamber, have been removed to the

* In the margin is written, "Arranged before 1838 by J. B. Felt." — Eds.

attic, and are placed on shelves by such an arrangement as makes it easy to select single volumes or make up a series; whereas, before, they were put up without order or succession.

A large collection of pamphlets has been assorted in bundles, in order to be bound up in volumes when the funds of the Society will admit of such an expense.

My labors were often and greatly interrupted by visitors to the Library during the pleasant weather; but I felt a pride in waiting upon those who were collecting historical information, and in assisting them in their investigations. Gentlemen who were residents at the Tremont House took much pleasure in visiting our rooms, and other strangers were occasionally introduced.

I may be permitted to refer also to the responsibility occasioned by my being appointed one of the Publishing Committee of the seventh volume of the third series of the Collections. After the selection of articles was made, all of which were of manuscripts, it was found necessary to copy for the printer, from the originals, about one-third of the volume, and this took up considerable time.

In the service assigned me in the absence of Dr. Lowell, I have endeavored to answer the letters, domestic and foreign, in a suitably respectful manner, and with much solicitude and punctuality distributed the volumes of the "*Antiquitates Americanæ*," sent from Copenhagen, to be forwarded to subscribers and societies, and collected and paid over the amount, three hundred and twenty-seven dollars and fifty cents, to Messrs. A. & C. Cunningham, agreeably to the directions of Professor Rafn.

As it would be too expensive to the Society to have a fire kept daily in the Library during the winter, and as my health and unavoidable avocations will not allow my constant attendance at the room, I propose to go to it only on Thursdays, when I will do such service as I can. I am sensible, therefore, that I ought not to receive, after this date, the salary

offered me by the Society, but only such moderate compensation as that reduced portion of time may deserve.

Respectfully submitted by

THADDEUS MASON HARRIS.

Present — J. Q. Adams, Austin, Codman, I. P. Davis, Felt, Gardner, Gibbs, Gray, Greenleaf, Harris, Jenks, Ripley, Savage, Ticknor, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Dec. 27, 1838. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Harris be allowed and paid for his services for the half-year ending November, 1838, in the office of Librarian, the same sum as for the preceding half-year.

The Librarian communicated donations from Dr. Palfrey, Rev. Mr. Blagden, Hon. John Davis, of Worcester, and Henry Gassett, Esq.

Mr. I. P. Davis nominated William L. Stone, Esq., of the city of New York, for Corresponding Member.

On motion of Mr. FELT,

Voted, That as there is a considerable number of Acts pertaining to the Andros administration at the State House, and it is desirable to have them as perfect as can be, and one belonging to them is among our papers, that it be returned to the Secretary of State, where it should be deposited.

Present — The President, Austin, Bartlett, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Harris, Jenks, Mitchell, Pierce, Ripley, Savage, Shaw, Ticknor, White, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1839.

Jan. 31, 1839. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

WILLIAM L. STONE, Esq., of New York, was elected Corresponding Member.

The Treasurer was appointed a committee to receive from the assignees of the American Stationers Company the dividends on the claim due to this Society.

Donations were communicated from the President of the Society, the Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries, Rev. Dr. Palfrey, Dr. J. B. Whittridge, of South Carolina, Rev. Dr. Lamson, Rev. Mr. Lothrop, Rev. Mr. Young, and Dr. Jacob Porter.

Mr. Ticknor nominated for Corresponding Member, Joaquim José Da Costa de Macedo, Secretary of the Royal Academy of Sciences of Lisbon.

The Librarian was requested to act on the communication made by George Folsom, Esq., in behalf of the New York Historical Society, in relation to an exchange of duplicates, and to report at the next meeting.

The Librarian was appointed a committee to procure from Mr. Wallcut the blank volume given by Governor Sullivan to the Society for the purpose of transcribing the records therein.*

* The large "folio blank volume" given by Judge Sullivan, at the Society's institution, for its records (see p. 5 of Vol. I.), was not used by the Recording Secretary, Mr. Wallcut, but the entries were begun and continued in a smaller and thinner book. The Secretary may have intended from the first, when he should have sufficient leisure, to transcribe his minutes into the larger volume, in a more elegant and artistic manner, for he was an official copyist, and evidently took pride and care in his work. But the book in which the entries were first made was continued as a record book to the end by Mr. Wallcut and his

Present — The President, Bartlett, Codman, J. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gibbs, Harris, Jenks, Pierce, Ripley, Shattuck, Ticknor, Willard, and Young.*

successors, and subsequent volumes were procured as they were needed, and the volume given by Judge Sullivan was never used.

But Mr. Wallcut still, in after years, cherished the purpose of transcribing the records into this book. In a memorandum or note of his, unsigned, addressed to some officer of the Society, under date of "Boston, 16th August, 1825," he apologizes for keeping the book so long. "This blank volume," he says, "was given by the late Judge Sullivan for the records of the Massachusetts Historical Society. My only motive in keeping it so long was the hope . . . that, when the time should come that would combine health with steady employment, such as I have had for the last thirty years, and a competent income for support, I might make a fair copy of the records, up to the day of my ability to do it, from the Journal or Minute-Book, as the only service I felt capable of doing, and it would have given me pleasure in so doing," &c. But he finds that he is not now able to accomplish his purpose, as he was apparently quite broken in spirit by poverty and ill-health. Mr. Wallcut could hardly have supposed at this late period that his intended transcript should supersede the original records, made by his successors as well as himself. It would appear by his note, just cited, that the volume was then returned to the Society; but, by the above entry in the records, made fourteen years afterwards, it would seem that it was supposed to be yet in Mr. Wallcut's possession. How the work of copying could go on, with the blank folio in his possession, and the original records in the Society's archives, does not appear, unless by retranscription. Copies, and in some cases duplicate copies, if they are not original minutes, of his own records are found, in loose sheets, some among his own private papers, as well as with those of the Society.

The Sullivan book is now in the Recording Secretary's cabinet, and an inspection of it will show that the work of transcription was begun by Mr. Wallcut, who copied the records into it, in an elegant manner, as far as and including the seventh meeting, covering ten pages, being about one-half the period represented by his own official work as Recording Secretary.

The first three volumes of the Society's records, if the writer's recollection serves, had no stiff or permanent covers on them, and were in no condition for preservation. When the Rev. Chandler Robbins, D.D., held the office of Recording Secretary, he caused these three volumes, which were not of uniform size, to be bound together as one volume, in full Russia leather, in a suitable condition for preservation. — Eds.

* The following letter was written by Dr. Harris, the acting Corresponding Secretary, to Professor Rafn, on the 23d of this month: —

"BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, NORTH AMERICA,
Jan. 23, 1839.

"PROFESSOR RAFN.

"HON. SIR, — I have this day received a packet, addressed to the Massachusetts Historical Society, containing envelopes to Governor Everett, the Hon.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Feb. 25, 1839. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

Donations were communicated from O. W. B. Peabody, Esq., Rev. Dr. Gray, and Rev. Mr. Young.

Mr. SAVAGE informed the Society he had received the first dividend from the American Stationers Company on the Society's claim, — eleven dollars and forty cents.

Present — The President, Appleton, Codman, Felt, Gibbs, Greenleaf, Pierce, Ripley, Savage, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

Abijah Bigelow, Rev. Dr. Bancroft, Dr. Jacob Porter, and John Farmer, Esq., a letter to George P. Marsh, Esq., and an open letter to the Secretary of the Massachusetts Historical Society, committing to his care the several communications. As I am continued in that office by the protracted absence of the Rev. Dr. Lowell, I shall immediately forward the parcels to their destination; promising that Dr. Farmer has deceased, has left no family, and that those kindred who come within the nearest range of affinity are in humble life. The parcel, therefore, designed for him I shall send to the New Hampshire Historical Society.

"I was not a little disappointed in not having received acknowledgment of my letter, dated Jan. 23, 1838 (just one year ago), in which I stated my attention to the commission assigned me of delivering the volumes of '*Antiquitates Americanae*' to subscribers; nor that of February 13th, notifying you of the accomplishment of that service, and of the payment of the proceeds, agreeably to your request, to the Messrs. Cunningham, merchants in this city; nor of those of May 9th and September 26th. It would be a satisfaction to know that the amount for the books and for the *cotisation* of the Hon. T. L. Winthrop and President Quincy have been duly received. I entreat you to excuse this particularity of reference. Acting in the stead of Dr. Lowell, I feel a double responsibility to him and to the Society.

"Accompanying this is the last volume of the Collections of our Society.

"In the sincerity of those good wishes with which it is usual to greet each other at the commencement of a new year, I have the honor to be, with sentiments of esteem and respect, Sir, your most obedient servant,

"THADDEUS MASON HARRIS,
Corresponding Secretary of the Massachusetts
Historical Society."

Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

March 26, 1839. At a meeting called this day (pursuant to order, the stated day happening on Fast Day), — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian stated that he had acted upon the matter of exchange with the New York Historical Society, pursuant to the vote of the January meeting, and had received from them sundry books, in return for thirteen volumes of our Collections, which have been sent to them.

He also communicated donations from M. Gräberg, Aaron Hobart, William Lincoln, James Savage, and J. Willard, Esqs.; also, from the Directors of the Mercantile Library in the city of New York.

Voted, That the Librarian be requested to write a letter in behalf of the Society to John Warner Barber, Esq., of Connecticut, objecting and remonstrating against his taking the title of the *Massachusetts Historical Collections* in the work he is about publishing.*

* Dr. Harris wrote the following letter to Mr. Barber:—

“BOSTON, March 26, 1839.

“JOHN WARNER BARBER, Esq.

“SIR,—It was mentioned at a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, this day, that the newspapers had announced a forthcoming publication by you, to bear a title so nearly that of their ‘Historical Collections’ that it would occasion embarrassing interference in the call for and sale of their books and yours, with an uncertainty as to which was intended, leading to mistakes and disappointment; to prevent which they passed a vote, a copy of which accompanies this address to you; and trust that, in regard to their long-possessed right to the title of ‘Historical Collections’ for their series of publications, you will cause the title-page of your volume to bear a different inscription.

“In making this communication to you, I take the liberty of stating that I think, myself, that ‘Massachusetts Topographical Collections’ would be a more correct and appropriate head-title to your book; for topography, meaning an

It having been stated that Rev. Dr. Hawks, of New York, was about visiting Boston,

Voted, That Messrs. I. P. Davis, Young, and Bancroft be a committee to request Dr. Hawks to deliver in Boston the four historical lectures delivered by him in New York the past winter.

Voted, That this Society views with extreme satisfaction the increasing interest in the early history of the United States, particularly the measures recently taken in Georgia, and now proposed in New York, for completing, at the expense of those States, their colonial records from the English archives.

Also, *voted*, That the Recording Secretary cause the same to be published in the Boston "Daily Advertiser."

Messrs. I. P. DAVIS and S. P. GARDNER were appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts for the last year.

The nomination of M. de Macedo was postponed, a

account of places, must comprise historical memoirs, as well as statistical accounts, geographical descriptions, and local delineations.

"I make the suggestion, unprompted by the Society, as the honest proposal, and I hope it may be received as the accepted one, of your real friend and well-wisher,

THADDEUS M. HARRIS."

The compiler of this book had, in the preceding year, issued a volume, called, at the head of the title-page, "Connecticut Historical Collections," and so lettered also on the back of the book. He now proposed to issue a volume, entitled "Massachusetts Historical Collections." This was an exact copy of the label on the back of this Society's volumes. The first twenty-three volumes of the Collections, as originally issued in volumes, and bound in boards with blue covers and white backs, were labelled "Historical Collections." The next volume, the twenty-fourth, issued in 1834, was labelled "Massachusetts Historical Collections," and so have been all its successors. The title-page was different, and has been uniform from the beginning.

Mr. Barber, as well as the publishers, replied to Dr. Harris's letter, disclaiming any intention of interfering with the Society's privileges, — the former acknowledging his obligations to it. The volume had already been stereotyped, and a number of copies struck off, and these were now in process of binding. They finally proposed, in all future issues, to strike off the word "Massachusetts" from the head of the title-page, and to put on the back of the volume "Barber's Historical Collections," all which Dr. Harris signified to be satisfactory. — Eds.

quorum not being present at the time the subject was introduced.*

Present—The President, Bancroft, Bradford, I. P. Davis, Harris, Jenks, Savage, Shattuck, Willard, and Young.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1839.

April 25, 1839. In the absence of the President, the Hon. Judge WHITE was called to the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

Mr. TICKNOR was appointed one of the committee on the Treasurer's accounts, in place of Mr. Gardner, who was absent.

M. JOAQUIM JOSÉ DA COSTA DE MACEDO, Secretary of the Royal Academy of Science of Lisbon, was chosen Corresponding Member of this Society.

Donations were communicated from William H. Prescott, Thomas Genin, John H. Gourlie, Esqs., Professor J. L. Kingsley, Dr. Edward Jarvis, Rev. Dr. Palfrey, and the Legislature of Massachusetts.

The Librarian called attention to the condition of Mitchell's map, and a map of New York at the time of the Revolution, both requiring repairs.

Voted, That the Librarian be authorized to have the two maps repaired in such manner as he may deem best.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from the New York Historical Society, inviting this

* The Secretary means that the *ballot* on the nomination was postponed.—
Eds.

Society to be present by its delegates, on the 30th of April instant, at the city of New York, on the interesting occasion of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the inauguration of the first President of the United States. Whereupon,

Voted, That this Society accept with pleasure the foregoing invitation, and that the Hon. Judge Davis be appointed Chairman of the Committee of Delegates, to be accompanied by such other gentlemen as shall signify their intention to the Recording Secretary.

Mr. Savage having declined further service in the office of Treasurer, and Mr. Felt as a member of the Standing Committee, on account of his proposed visit to England, the Society then proceeded to the choice of officers, and the following gentlemen were chosen, viz. : —

THOMAS L. WINTHROP	PRESIDENT.
JOSEPH WILLARD	RECORDING SECRETARY.
CHARLES LOWELL	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
NAHUM MITCHELL	TREASURER.
THADDEUS M. HARRIS	LIBRARIAN.
ISAAC P. DAVIS	CABINET-KEEPER.
JAMES SAVAGE	} STANDING COMMITTEE.
CONVERS FRANCIS	
ALEXANDER YOUNG	
GEORGE TICKNOR	
SAMUEL P. GARDNER	

Voted, That the Society having for nineteen years derived great and peculiar advantages from the constant, faithful, and acceptable services of Hon. James Savage, acknowledge their great obligations to him for his devotion to their interests in the office of their Treasurer, and regret the necessity under which he finds himself of declining their further suffrages.

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts made the following report, which was read and accepted, viz. : —

The undersigned, a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society to examine the accounts of their Treasurer, James Savage, Esq., for the past year, having this day performed the service, report that the accounts are well kept, properly vouched, and correctly cast, by which a balance in favor of the Society appears of twenty-eight cents.*

I. P. DAVIS, }
GEO. TICKNOR, } *Committee.*

Boston, April 25, 1839.

Mr. I. P. DAVIS, from the Committee on that subject, communicated a letter from Rev. Dr. Hawks, declining the invitation of the Society to deliver his lectures in Boston.

Present — Austin, Bartlett, Bradford, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gibbs, Harris, Lincoln, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Ticknor, White, Willard, and Young.

JOSEPH WILLARD,
Recording Secretary.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, May 30, 1839. The President in the chair.
The record of the last meeting was read.

Donations were communicated by the Librarian from Messrs. William L. Stone, Peter Force, William D. Williamson, Simon Greenleaf, William J. Duane, George

* The receipts amounted to \$351.68. Of this sum \$172 were for admissions and assessments, \$159.03 from sales of publications, and \$20.65 in final settlement of the notes of Phelps & Farnham given in April, 1826. The payments amounted to \$370, and included \$82.58 for interest and taxes, \$5.25 for insurance, \$75.25 for binding, and \$206.92 for compensation to the Librarian (Rev. Dr. Harris) and for miscellaneous expenses. — Eds.

Watson, and Isaac P. Davis; also from Dr. Edward Jarvis and Rev. Dr. Cogswell.

Mr. Adams nominated for Corresponding Member the Hon. Daniel D. Barnard, city of Albany, in the State of New York.

Mr. I. P. DAVIS, from the Committee, consisting of Mr. N. G. Snelling and himself, who were authorized by the Society's vote of March 30, 1837, to make sale of the Society's property in Franklin Place, in Boston, on the most favorable terms they can obtain, reported that they had sold the same to the Boston Library Society for the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, of which five hundred dollars was to be paid down, and the residue to be paid in annual instalments of two hundred dollars, with interest at the rate of four per cent. Whereupon,

Voted, That the said Committee be authorized in the name of this Society to sign, acknowledge, and deliver the deed now produced and read as the deed of this Society.

The following motion, after some discussion, was adopted, viz. :—

Voted, That Messrs. Adams and Quincy, with the Rev. Dr. Robbins, of Rochester, be a committee to consider the best means of encouraging the production of a comprehensive History of the United States, from the earliest settlement of the country.

Present—The President, Adams, Bartlett, I. P. Davis, E. Everett, Felt, Gray, Greenleaf, Harris, Pickering, Prescott, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, Shaw, White, Willard, and Worcester.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, June 27, 1839. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

Donations were communicated from the President of the Society, also from Rev. Mr. Young, Messrs. Perrin May, Lemuel Shattuck, and John L. Sibley.

The Librarian communicated a request from Mr. Samuel G. Drake for an exchange of Berkley's "Naval History of Great Britain," folio, for one of the copies of Vol. I. of Purchas's "Pilgrims." Whereupon,

Voted, That the Standing Committee be authorized to make the exchange, if they see fit.

Mr. I. P. DAVIS, from the Committee on the subject, made the following report, which was read, accepted, and ordered to be recorded, viz. :—

The undersigned, a Committee appointed at a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, on the 30th ultimo, to sell the estate belonging to the Society in Franklin Place, report that they have made sale of said estate, and executed a deed of the same to the proprietors of the Boston Library, for the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, one-third of which (five hundred dollars) to be paid in sixty days and grace, and the balance (one thousand dollars) in five equal payments of two hundred dollars each, in one, two, three, four, and five years, with interest; that they have received from the said proprietors six promissory notes, including the interest, as follows, viz. :—

One dated June 1, 1839, payable in sixty days and grace, for \$500

"	"	"	one year	"	"	208
"	"	"	two years	"	"	216
"	"	"	three years	"	"	224
"	"	"	four years	"	"	232
"	"	"	five years	"	"	240

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And that they have delivered the said notes to Nahum Mitchell, Esq., the Treasurer of the Society.

Which is respectfully submitted by

I. P. DAVIS, }
N. G. SNELLING, } *Committee.*

Boston, June 27, 1839.

Mr. QUINCY, from the Committee on the subject of Dr. Robbins's proposition, stated that he had received a letter from Mr. Adams, the Chairman of the Committee, consenting that Dr. Robbins should make the report as drawn up by him, but not concurring in all the opinions contained in the report. Whereupon, the report was read by Dr. Robbins, as drawn up by him.

Voted, That the report be laid upon the table.*

On motion of Mr. GRAY, Messrs. I. P. DAVIS, APPLETON, and SAVAGE were appointed a committee to consider the expediency of having the Library opened every day, under the care of a proper superintendent; and, if they deem it expedient, to inquire whether and by what means this object may be accomplished, with instructions to report at the next meeting.

* Dr. Thomas Robbins's paper or proposition on the subject of a comprehensive History of the United States is on file, as is Mr. Adams's letter to Mr. Quincy relating to it, of which the substance was stated by the latter to the meeting. Dr. Robbins at this time resided at Mattapoiset, in Rochester, Massachusetts. He was not a member of the Society. — Eds.

Voted, That the report of the Librarian, made at the last November meeting, be referred to the same Committee.

HON. DANIEL D. BARNARD was elected a Corresponding Member, — Scrutinizing Committee, Messrs. SHATTUCK and BARTLETT.

Present — The President, Appleton, Bartlett, Bradford, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Francis, Gibbs, Gray, Harris, Mitchell, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, Sparks, Ticknor, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, July 25, 1839. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated a donation from Professor Sparks of a copy of all his works; also, donations from Messrs. Samuel Coleman, Charles Fraser, Edward Jarvis, M.D., Samuel Hazard, Professor Palfrey, Joseph Willard, and the American Philosophical Society. Whereupon,

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to Professor Sparks for his highly acceptable and valuable donation of a copy of all his works.

Mr. I. P. DAVIS, from the Committee on the subject appointed at the last meeting, made a report, which was read, accepted, and placed on file; * and, in pursu-

* The following is the report: —

"The Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society, directed to consider the expediency of having the Library opened every day, under the care

ance of the recommendation contained in said report, the following votes were passed : —

1. *Voted*, That the Librarian be authorized to employ an assistant, at the rate of two dollars a week, for the ensuing months of August, September, and October, who shall keep open the rooms from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. every week day.

2. *Voted*, That Messrs. Gray, Sparks, Willard, Davis, and Young be a committee to secure the delivery of a series of lectures on historical subjects, to aid the funds of the Society, which series shall begin early in November and be continued once a week until the end of February; and that the Committee have full powers in all respects to effect this object.

3. *Voted*, That the Report of the Librarian made last November be accepted, and that the Treasurer be directed to pay him fifty dollars in full for all services to the present time.

Present — The President, Bartlett, Bradford, I. P.

of a proper superintendent, and, if they deem it expedient, to inquire whether and by what means this object may be accomplished, with which directions was also coupled a reference of the report of the Librarian made at the last November meeting, having duly considered the subjects referred, have come to the conclusion to report, —

“That it is expedient to have the Library opened every day, and that the means of accomplishing the object are inadequate in the present state of the treasury.

“That while so large a debt remains upon the Society, incurred to make up the purchase-money for our present admirable accommodations, it is not proper to make any arrangement for a permanent superintendence of the Library, with a regulation for its daily enjoyment; but that the Librarian should be authorized to employ an assistant, at the rate of two dollars a week, for the ensuing months of August, September, and October, who shall keep open the rooms from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M., every week day.

“That measures be forthwith taken to secure the delivery of a series of lectures on historical subjects, to aid the funds of the Society, which series should begin early in November, and be once a week continued until the end of February; and that a committee of five be appointed, with full powers in all respects to effect this object, at the present meeting.

“That, finally, the report of the Librarian made last November be accepted, and that the Treasurer be directed to pay him fifty dollars in full for all services to the present time.

“Respectfully submitted.

Per order.

I. P. DAVIS.

“Boston, July 25, 1839.”

Eda.

Davis, Felt, Gardner, Harris, Savage, Ticknor, White, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Tuesday, Aug. 27, 1839. The President in the chair. The record of the last meeting was read.

Donations were communicated, in the absence of the Librarian, by the Recording Secretary, from Messrs. J. Q. Adams, Nathaniel I. Bowditch, James Savage, and John Pickering, Rev. Dr. Cogswell, Dr. Edward Jarvis, and the Congress of the United States.

The President nominated Frederic de Waldeck, author of "Antiquities of Mexico," &c., for Corresponding Member.

Present — The President, Adams, Appleton, Bradford, I. P. Davis, Felt, Gray, Mitchell, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, Tucker, and Willard.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Sept. 26, 1839. The President in the chair. The record of the last meeting was read.

A communication from the Georgia Historical Society, through Israel K. Tefft, their Corresponding Secretary, was read, and it was

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary of this Society be requested to address to the Georgia Historical Society a suitable letter expressive of our cordial sympathy in their undertaking.*

A communication was received from Professor Greenleaf of a memoir prepared by him of his father, the late Colonel Moses Greenleaf, to be inserted in the volume of manuscripts of Colonel Greenleaf, in the Society's Library.

Also, *voted*, To refer this memoir to the Publishing Committee.†

A communication was received from George H. Whitman, Esq., in relation to sermons before the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company.‡

Donations were communicated from Messrs. Charles Brown and Joseph E. Worcester.

The following gentlemen were nominated for Corresponding Members: Israel K. Tefft, Esq., of Savannah, Georgia, by Rev. Dr. Harris; Hon. John McPherson Berrien, of Savannah, Georgia, President of the Georgia Historical Society, by Judge Davis; and Edward Jarvis, M.D., of Louisville, Kentucky, by Dr. Bartlett.

The Standing Committee nominated Robert Charles Winthrop, Esq., of Boston, for Resident Member, in place of Hon. William Sullivan, deceased.

FREDERIC DE WALDECK, author of the "Antiquities of Mexico," &c., was elected Corresponding Member.§

* This communication related to the recent formation of the Georgia Historical Society, of which Mr. Tefft was the first Corresponding Secretary. For an account of the incorporation of the Society, its Constitution, By-Laws, and Officers, see the Appendix to Vol. II. of its Collections. — Eds.

† The memoir of Colonel Greenleaf was not printed by the Society. — Eds.

‡ Mr. Whitman sent to the Society, in behalf of the Artillery Company, "a copy of each of their anniversary sermons extant," with the expression of his regret that they were "unable to present a complete series." — Eds.

§ A notice of M. Jean Frederic de Waldeck, who died in Paris, France,

Voted, That Rev. Dr. Greenwood be requested to prepare a memoir of the late Hon. William Sullivan for the next volume of the Society's Collections.*

Present — The President, Adams, Bartlett, Bradford, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Francis, Gardner, Gibbs, Harris, Mitchell, Pierce, Ripley, Savage, Willard, and Worcester.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Oct. 31, 1839. The President in the chair.
The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from M. de Macedo, of Lisbon, accepting his election as Corresponding Member, and acknowledging the receipt by the Royal Academy of Science at Lisbon of the volumes of this Society's Collections sent to them; also, a letter of acceptance from Hon. D. D. Barnard, of Albany; also, a letter from Joseph May, Esq., accompanying a history of the portrait of General Lincoln.†

Donations were communicated from Messrs. Alden Bradford, Theodore Lyman, Edward Jarvis, M.D., Jacobo de Hemsö, J. E. Worcester, George Bancroft, Daniel D. Barnard, Rev. Drs. Rufus Anderson and J. G. Palfrey, and Rev. Alexander Young.

The Librarian, Rev. Dr. HARRIS, made a report on

June 2, 1875, at the great age of one hundred and nine years, may be seen in the Proceedings of this Society for October, 1876. — Eds.

* Dr. Greenwood failed to perform this duty. A memoir of Mr. Sullivan by Mr. T. C. Amory will be found in this volume, on pp. 150-160. — Eds.

† See Proceedings, Vol. I. p. 192, note. — Eds.

the subject of the Library, and tendered his resignation of the office of Librarian, on account of his proposed voyage to the South.*

* The following is Dr. Harris's report:—

"To the President and Members of the
Massachusetts Historical Society.

"GENTLEMEN,—As I have it in view to go South, for the benefit of my health and other considerations, and, of course, shall be absent several months, I deem it best to resign the office of Librarian. In doing this, it is expedient that I should make a report of what has lately been done, and of the situation in which I leave the Library.

"Respectful acknowledgments have been rendered to the donors of books, immediately after the reception of them, and the title of all volumes entered in the Catalogue, referring to the shelf on which they were placed. But the pamphlets were not registered, because I deemed it proper that they should have an assigned place, and this could not be till they were bound into volumes. They have all, however, been put into Cabinet No. 27, where they are assorted, according to their subjects, though not in chronological order, as it is proper they should be, and are tied up in bundles. They would make more than fifty volumes.

"The newspapers which were presented to the Society by Perrin May, Esq., I was directed to have bound. This referred only to such as we had not previously. The selection and arrangement being made, twenty-two volumes of the 'Centinel' and thirteen of the 'New York Spectator' were bound. So that now we have a complete set, excepting parts of the third and fourth volumes, of the 'Centinel,' from its commencement in 1784 to the end of 1836, making in all forty-four volumes; and of the 'Spectator,' from 1800 to the end of 1837, making twenty-six volumes.

"Jared Sparks, Esq., had given us gazettes and other periodicals of Mexico, Colombia, Peru, and Chili, together with various political documents, from 1813 to 1835 inclusive, which I have also had bound, as they embrace a detail of the events of the Revolution in South America. I considered this as also a token of respect due to the donor who had enriched our Library with his own publications. The whole expense of binding amounts to little more than fifty-one dollars.

"John W. Snelling, Esq., has been engaged to attend the Library, keeping it open for visitors every day in the week, from nine o'clock to one. His employment has been, first, the collation of the newspapers for binding; and, next, the completion of the index to the volumes of Trumbull's letters. His application and diligence have been indefatigable. The time for which he was engaged expires this week, but it is highly desirable that he should be continued in the service till he has completed the index.

"I have employed a man four afternoons to sort and put up on shelves the pile of newspapers which were in the attic of this building. Some of them are very valuable, particularly numbers of the 'News-Letter' and 'Post-Boy,' and

The choice of a Librarian was postponed to the November meeting.

Mr. I. P. DAVIS was appointed a committee to engage a continuance of Mr. Snelling's services, until he has completed the work he is engaged upon in the Library.*

Messrs. ISRAEL K. TEFFT, JOHN MCPHERSON BERRIEN, and EDWARD JARVIS were elected Corresponding Members, and ROBERT CHARLES WINTHROP, Esq., a Resident Member.

Mr. Worcester nominated Hon. David L. Swain, President of the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill, for Corresponding Member; and Judge Davis nominated Hon. James M. Wayne, of Georgia, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and first Vice-President of the Georgia Historical Society, and M. H. McAllister, Esq., of Savannah, Georgia, second Vice-President of that Society, for Corresponding Members.

Voted, That as the statute day for the November meeting falls on the day of the annual Thanksgiving, that the meeting be held on the Tuesday previous, November 26.

Voted, That Rev. Mr. Ripley be requested to prepare for the next volume of the Collections a memoir of the late Dr. Bradford.†

Present — The President, Adams, Appleton, Austin,

the 'National Gazette' and 'National Intelligencer,' of which latter there is a great number. Eleven volumes of the 'National Gazette,' bound, are in the attic.

"Respectfully.

THADDEUS MASON HARRIS.

"BOSTON, Oct. 31, 1839."

EDS.

* See the November meeting following. — EDS.

† Gamaliel Bradford, M.D., elected in April, 1825, died Oct. 22, 1839. Mr. Ripley was excused from the performance of the duty assigned to him. A memoir of Dr. Bradford by the Rev. Dr. Francis is in 3 Collections, IX. 75-81. — EDS.

Bancroft, Godman, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Gibbs, Gray, Harris, Jenks, Mitchell, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Tuesday, Nov. 26, 1839. The President in the chair.
The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Hon. A. W. Cochran, of Quebec, accepting his election as Corresponding Member; also, a letter from Dr. E. W. Leach, of Boston, accompanying his donation of a manuscript history of the town of Manchester, Massachusetts, prepared by himself.

The Librarian communicated donations from Major Graham, United States Army, Dr. Edward Jarvis, Rev. Dr. Cogswell, Joseph Willard, and Dr. E. W. Leach.

The Librarian stated that he had made an enumeration of the number of volumes in the Library of the Society, which was ordered to be recorded, and is as follows:—

Four thousand six hundred volumes of bound books.
Four hundred and fifty-five large volumes of newspapers.
Ninety-four folio volumes of manuscripts.
Seventy-five smaller volumes of manuscripts.
Twelve large volumes of charts and maps.
Many single maps.
Several hundred pamphlets.

Counted Nov. 20, 1839.

The Librarian signified his intention of remaining in Boston during the winter.*

HON. DAVID L. SWAIN, HON. JAMES M. WAYNE, and M. H. McALLISTER, Esq., were elected Corresponding Members.

Judge Davis was authorized to take from the Library Dr. Leach's manuscript History of Manchester, to be returned at the next meeting.

Rev. Dr. William Cogswell, of Boston, was nominated for Resident Member, *vice* Dr. Bradford, deceased.

Rev. Dr. Jenks was authorized to take from the Library additional volumes to the number allowed by law.

Voted, That for the purpose of having the Library kept open, and to meet the additional expense thereof and of warming the room, that the annual assessment, on and after the first of January next, shall be *three dollars* instead of *two dollars*, as provided in Ch. I. Art. 1 of the Society's Laws and Regulations.†

Voted, That Mr. I. P. Davis be a committee to engage a continuance of Mr. Snelling's services during the winter, and to provide for warming the room.‡

Present — The President, Bancroft, Bartlett, J. Davis, Felt, Francis, Harris, Jenks, Mitchell, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, Ticknor, Willard, R. C. Winthrop, and Worcester.

* "Remains in office." Marginal note. — Eds.

† In 1857, the annual assessment was raised to five dollars; in 1864, to seven dollars; in 1874, to ten dollars. Members are now entitled to all the regular publications of the Society, without additional charge. — Eds.

‡ See the preceding meeting. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Dec. 26, 1839. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from M. Macedo, of Lisbon, accompanying the donation of a discourse delivered by him in Italian; also, a letter from Professor Rafn, of Copenhagen, accompanying the annual reports of the doings of the Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries for 1838 and 1839.

Donations were communicated from Rev. Dr. Robertson, of Greece, and the American Philosophical Society.

Rev. Dr. WILLIAM COGSWELL, of Boston, was elected a Resident Member, *vice* Dr. Bradford, deceased.

Voted, on the written application of Mr. F. M. Hubbard, of Boston, that he be allowed for the term of six months the same privilege of taking books from the Library as the members have.*

Present—The President, Austin, Bartlett, Codman, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gray, Harris, Jenks, Pierce, Quincy, Savage, Shattuck, Ticknor, White, Willard, and Young.

* Mr. Fordyce M. Hubbard edited a new edition of Belknap's "American Biography," published by Harper Brothers, New York, 1841. His preface to it is dated Northampton, Massachusetts, May, 1841. He also wrote a Life of W. R. Davie, Governor of North Carolina, published in Sparks's "American Biography."—Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1840.

Thursday, Jan. 30, 1840. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter of acceptance from Israel K. Tefft, Esq., of Savannah, who was elected Honorary Member at the October meeting; also, a letter from Samuel Hazard, Esq., of Philadelphia, signifying his intention to continue to forward his "Register," and accompanying a donation of Vols. I. to VI., inclusive, and Vols. X. and XI. of the "Register of Pennsylvania," to complete the set belonging to the Society.

Donations were communicated from the President, Robert C. Winthrop, Esq., and Rev. Drs. Cogswell and Palfrey.

Present—The President, Codman, Cogswell, Felt, Harris, Lewis, Mitchell, Pierce, Shattuck, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Feb. 27, 1840. The President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, the Librarian officiated as Secretary *pro tempore*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Rev. Joseph B. Felt, Alonzo Lewis, Esq., and the Philosophical Society of Philadelphia.

He also communicated a letter from H. M. McAllister, Esq., of Savannah, Georgia, acknowledging his election.

Present — The President, Bartlett, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Gibbs, Gray, Lewis, Mitchell, Shattuck, Sparks, and Worcester.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, March 26, 1840. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated a letter from Dr. Edward Jarvis, of the Kentucky Historical Society, acknowledging the receipt of the volumes of our Collections and sundry pamphlets; also,

Donations from Dr. Edward Jarvis, from the President of our Society, from the American Philosophical Society, Samuel Appleton, Esq., and Hon. James Savage.

The President also communicated information that the exchange had been completed with Mr. Hazard; and a letter from Mr. Henry Barnard, 2d, of Hartford, stating that the Connecticut Historical Society had been reorganized, and sending a copy of the Charter of Incorporation and By-Laws.

Rev. Alvan Lamson was nominated for Resident Member, *vice* Hon. John Lowell, deceased.

Voted, That the services of Mr. Snelling be continued in the Library at the former rate of two dollars per week.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Greenwood be requested to prepare for

the next volume of the Collections of the Society a memoir of the late Hon. John Lowell, a member of the Society.*

Messrs. I. P. DAVIS and S. P. GARDNER were appointed a committee to examine and audit the Treasurer's accounts for the last year.

Present—The President, Bartlett, Cogswell, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Harris, Jenks, Mitchell, Pierce, Prescott, Quincy, Savage, Willard, R. C. Winthrop, and Young.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1840.

Thursday, April 30, 1840. The President in the chair. The record of the last meeting was read.

Donations were communicated by the Librarian from the President of the Society, Peter G. Stuyvesant, Professor Sparks, Mrs. Williams, Rev. Mr. Young, Mrs. Lowell, Dr. Elisha Thayer, the town of Wilton, New Hampshire, I. P. Davis, Esq., Lemuel Shattuck, Esq., and Rev. Mr. Colman.

He also read a communication from Rev. Dr. Jenks, stating that the family of the late Rev. Dr. Holmes offer his lectures on the Ecclesiastical History of New England to the Society, for publication in their Collections. This communication was committed to the Publishing Committee to report thereupon.†

* The Hon. John Lowell, elected in January, 1823, died March 12, 1840. Dr. Greenwood failed to perform the duty assigned to him. A memoir of Mr. Lowell by his grandson, the Hon. John Lowell, will be found in this volume, on pp. 160-169. — Eds.

† A quantity of miscellaneous papers of Dr. Holmes's was presented to the Society in April, 1875, by the Rev. Alexander McKenzie, pastor of the

The Librarian made a written statement concerning the limited sale of the Collections, and the injury to those now on hand from their situation in the attic. Whereupon,

Voted, That this subject be committed to Messrs. Savage, I. P. Davis, and Felt, with full authority to report thereupon.

Mr. Bancroft was allowed to take out from the Library Dunlap's "History of New York."

Rev. Dr. ALVAN LAMSON was unanimously chosen Resident Member, in the place of Hon. John Lowell, deceased.

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts made the following report, viz. : —

The undersigned, a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society to examine the accounts of their Treasurer, Nahum Mitchell, for the past year, having this day performed the service, report that the accounts are well kept, properly vouched, and correctly cast, by which a balance of \$27.69½ appears in favor of the Society.*

SAMUEL P. GARDNER, }
ISAAC P. DAVIS, } *Committee.*

Boston, April 30, 1840.

Shepard Congregational Society in Cambridge; and these, it is believed, contained some and perhaps all of the lectures mentioned in the records. The papers were referred to the Committee on the Proceedings, and they will soon be put in order for consultation. — Eds.

* The total receipts for the year were \$724. Of this sum \$124 were for admission fees and assessments; \$100 were borrowed of Nathan Appleton, on the Treasurer's note; and \$500, amount of the first note due on account of the purchase of the Franklin Place estate, as stated in the report of the Committee submitted at the meeting in June, 1839. The total payments for the year amounted to \$696.58½, — of which sum \$522.15 were for printing; \$38.15 for taxes; \$52.50 for binding; and \$83.78½ for assistance in the Library and for miscellaneous expenses. — Eds.

Mr. Savage declining to serve on the Committee on Dr. Harris's communication, Mr. GRAY was chosen in his place.

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized to subscribe in behalf of the Society the sum of twenty dollars, towards defraying the expense of paving in front of our building with wood.

Mr. GRAY presented to the Society a view of the old building, the oldest in Boston, taken by himself after the process of M. Daguerre. Whereupon,

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Mr. Gray for his well delineated specimen of a new art.

The Society proceeded to choose officers for the ensuing year, and the following gentlemen were chosen :

THOMAS L. WINTHROP	PRESIDENT.
JOSEPH WILLARD	RECORDING SECRETARY.
CHARLES LOWELL	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
NAHUM MITCHELL	TREASURER.
THADDEUS M. HARRIS	LIBRARIAN.
ISAAC P. DAVIS	CABINET-KEEPER.
JAMES SAVAGE	} STANDING COMMITTEE.
CONVERS FRANCIS	
ALEXANDER YOUNG	
GEORGE TICKNOR	
SAMUEL P. GARDNER	

Present — The President, Appleton, Bancroft, Bartlett, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gardner, Gray, Harris, Jenks, Lewis, Mitchell, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, White, Willard, R. C. Winthrop, and Worcester.

JOSEPH WILLARD,
Recording Secretary.

[Two Resident Members died during the year, of whom no memoirs have hitherto appeared in the Society's volumes, — the Hon. William Sullivan and the Hon. John Lowell. They are here supplied. — Eds.]

Memoir of the Hon. William Sullivan.

William Sullivan (1774–1839), second son of Governor James Sullivan (1744–1808) and Hetty, daughter of William Odiorne, and grand-daughter paternally of Judge Odiorne, and maternally of Dr. Hugh Adams, of New Hampshire, was born in Biddeford, in Maine, Nov. 30, 1774. His father, after his appointment to the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, in March, 1776, removed to Groton, and thence, in 1781, to a house on Bowdoin Square, in Boston, where, resigning his seat on the bench, he again resumed the practice of his profession.

William entered the Latin School in 1781, but fitted for college with Dr. Payson, of Chelsea, matriculating at Harvard in 1788. He graduated with its first honors in 1792. Judge Sullivan, then Attorney-General of the State, had lately erected a house on the corner of Hawley and Summer Streets, in Boston; and, in the office attached to it, William studied law. He was admitted to practice in 1795. Of an ardent temperament, sound sense, and indefatigable industry, he easily took a respectable position at the bar of Suffolk, then comparing favorably with any other in the land for ability, eloquence, and learning.

Soon after opening his office, Mr. Sullivan visited Philadelphia, then the Federal capital, where he made the acquaintance of distinguished personages in public life from all over the country, and also of many that were eminent, belonging to that city or who were leaders in its social circles. Six feet in height, of great constitutional vigor, fine proportions, and

graceful, his appearance was prepossessing; and, with fine eyes, engaging manners, quick wit, and ready sympathy, cheerful and gay, he was everywhere kindly received. The acquaintances he then made, and in 1797 when he revisited the place, ripened into relations of a more permanent nature, and, in some instances, the friendships contracted at this period lasted through life.

In his more immediate neighborhood he was equally a favorite, yielding with due moderation to his taste for social intercourse, for which he was favorably placed, and in which, as may be inferred from what has been said, he was well fitted to shine. But, however great his fondness for society, he never allowed its indulgence to divert his thoughts from study or from attention to the claims of his clients. His marriage early to Sarah, daughter of Colonel James Swan, a lovely and most estimable woman, made success an imperative duty; and his ability, good judgment, and integrity of character inspiring confidence, he gained many friends. He was constantly employed; and, taking great pride and pleasure in his profession, he became one of its leading practitioners, and this, too, among formidable rivals. There was work for all. Troubled times fomented litigation, and questions were constantly arising, novel and delicate. His cases, involving interests of great magnitude, demanded the exercise of all his powers, and for their development were the best possible school. As an advocate he was prudent and sensible in the management of his causes, eloquent and persuasive in presenting them to the jury. The reports show the fulness of his learning and soundness of his reasoning. His argument in the "*Jeune Eugénie*," in 1821, has been cited to illustrate his mastery of the more subtle and difficult points of jurisprudence. He was, perhaps, a little too far removed from ostentation for the highest success. He shrank from display, and this feeling often chilled his ardor and crippled his strength.

Thus happily constituted by nature and circumstance, equally popular with the legal brotherhood and his fellow-citizens, with numerous friends devotedly attached to him, a large practice of great emolument for every want, he accepted his blessings with a grateful sense of that Providence from which they flowed. His gay and witty correspondence in the intervals of toil, the recollections of intimates who still speak of him with affectionate admiration, his wise and philosophic views of life and duty, thoughtful consideration for others, and freedom from any sordid or selfish aims, compel the conclusion that few lots were happier than his. If his labors were engrossing and attended with responsibility, pleasant intercourse ever at hand alleviated his anxieties and eased for the moment his burdens, and he returned to his tasks with renewed vigor. Others around him might be more distinguished or more affluent; but, avoiding the fatal mistake, to use an expression he occasionally employed in parental counsel, of comparing his condition with theirs, he was contented with his own, and certainly no one was more highly respected or better beloved.

For the first twenty years of his manhood, momentous events crowding the history of Europe agitated the world. Our commerce alternating between extraordinary profits and reverses as extreme, our seaboard cities seethed with political excitement. Governor Sullivan led the Republicans, who, grateful to France for the aid that brought about our independence, favored her policy, whilst the excesses of the Jacobins and despotic tendencies of Napoleon gave strength to the Federalists. William, from his conservative oration on the 4th of July, 1808, stood well with the latter party; and with the affluent merchants and able statesmen who made it respectable, though they were bitter and not very just to their opponents, he was in daily intercourse and on the pleasantest terms. His father, naturally distressed at his defection from his own political faith, and at the terms in

which exceptions had been taken to some of its leading principles in the oration, at first manifested his displeasure by a silence sufficiently expressive. When, however, William sought an interview, and gave his reasons for his course, the previously existing friendly relations were re-established, not again to be disturbed, each generously respecting in the other the right of judging for himself. They both were frequently called upon to avow publicly their political convictions, but alike were too well regulated to indulge in personal asperities.

The ability displayed in the oration, and the confidence reposed in his character, singled him out for political honors. In the House, Senate, and Council Chamber, to which, from 1804 to 1830, he was repeatedly elected, he was influential, and more than once declined the solicitation of his friends to be their candidate for Congress. In 1815, he went with Mr. Otis and Colonel Perkins as a delegate to Washington from the Legislature of Massachusetts, to remonstrate against the war measures of Mr. Madison; but, when they reached their destination, peace was already concluded. In 1821, chosen Speaker with a view to his proposed elevation to the supreme executive, obligations of a private and professional nature compelled him to resign the chair at a moment when universally popular. He was swept thus from the path which might have led to opportunities of usefulness on a wider field. He took too lively an interest in the national welfare not to have been glad to improve such opportunities. He was for many years in command of the Boston Brigade; and, with Judge Shaw, in 1820, prepared the municipal charter.

He had purchased, out of his professional earnings, the estate on School Street on or near the passage from the present City Hall to the Court House, and this he occupied many years for his office. There Mr. Powell Mason, afterwards reporter of the United States Circuit Court, was

his partner. Col. Aspinwall, our late Vice-President and Richard Kidder Randolph, nephew of John, of Roanoke, afterwards of Newport, Rhode Island, were among his students. There and at his residence, 15 Chestnut Street, the central one of three houses given by Mrs. Swan to her daughters, no moment, not due to social or domestic claims, was idle. Mrs. Sullivan was happily constituted, like himself, for genial intercourse. Their brothers and sisters had intermarried with families affluent, social, and widely connected, with Knox, Sargent, and Howard, with Russell, Winthrop, and Amory. Boston had been peculiarly prospered, opulence abounded, its prominent circles were refined and cultivated, and festal entertainments of constant occurrence. He belonged to the principal clubs, among them the celebrated Saturday Fish Club, with Otis, Perkins, and many other choice spirits of the day, and to many learned societies, that likewise met at times socially. His talented associates, interesting strangers from Europe or other parts of the country, were frequent guests at his table. His house was widely famed, not only for its generous hospitality, but for its brilliant intellectual entertainments, in which he took the lead, and to which his children, many of them peculiarly gifted, contributed their part. Certainly there never was a pleasanter home, a more accomplished host, one more ready or able to assume the whole responsibility for the happiness of the hour, or to put his guests at their ease, and bring out what was most agreeable in each.

Naturally eloquent and ready on the rostrum, in debate, or in his forensic efforts, agreeable and brilliant in conversation, he also wrote easily and well. His pen, indeed, was constantly at work. Piles of correspondence, gay or profound, political or philosophical, to judge by what remains, law papers of many descriptions, communications to the press on a variety of topics, heaped up his morning's work, his hand passing rapidly over his paper, hour after hour, unless when,

as frequently, interrupted by the visits of friends or strangers, clients for advice, or brother lawyers in consultation. His publications were numerous. Orations and lectures, his address in 1824 to the bar of Suffolk, of whose association he was for many years President, to the Pilgrim Society at Plymouth in 1829, to the Massachusetts Society for the Suppression of Intemperance in 1832, to the Mercantile Library Association, various pamphlets under his own name or anonymous, among the last several numbers of the "Puritan," constitute but a portion of his contributions in print to our pamphlet collections. In 1824, he published at Keene, New Hampshire, where his nephew, Russell, was settled as a clergyman, a brief history of the United States and of other countries, for use in schools and families. The decease of Mrs. Swan, in 1829, devolved a large inheritance upon her three daughters. After her death, Mr. Sullivan for the most part withdrew from his professional occupations, except where, as counsel of a few corporations or individuals, his knowledge of their affairs, or special concerns of his own, demanded his continued care. During his remaining years, he spent more of his time in his library at home, and devoted himself almost exclusively to pursuits of a literary nature, at work early and late, with a zeal which seriously impaired his health, and probably shortened his days.

Of the works he gave to the press during these last ten years of his life were several volumes requiring a wide range of patient research, and to this he appropriated more than half his twenty-four hours. His "Political Class Book," in 1831, presenting a comparative view of all systems of government, and giving a full account of our own, was translated into French and Italian, and passed through several editions. His "Moral Class Book," in 1833, reprinted in England, was pronounced by one of its ablest reviews the best manual of Moral Philosophy ever prepared for young minds. That same year he published his "Historical Class Book," em-

bracing the history of the world down to 476, the end of the Roman Empire in Italy. He also delivered a series of lectures on the Public Men of the Revolution, published at the time in a volume, and reprinted in 1847, with a memoir of him by his son John, a widely known humorist of unsurpassed versatility of genius. This work, pronounced by a good judge, Mr. Horace Binney, "as a book of greater research and more important historical facts relating to the times than any other he knew," is still in much request. In 1837, appeared his "Historical Causes and Effects," from 476 A.D. down to 1517, when the Reformation first assumed form. That year he published another book, entitled "Sea Life," for the benefit of mariners, in whose welfare he always took a lively interest, and to whose eloquent preacher, Father Taylor, who pronounced him, when he died, the prince of gentlemen, he was an attached friend. He himself contributed to the erection of their Bethel, to the extent of his power, persuading his wealthier friends to larger donations, which they could better afford.

Such a variety of subjects, treated exhaustively within this limited period, bears witness to the extent of his acquirements, his patient industry, and judicious and widely extended research. His manuscript volumes, prepared for the press, but not completed, in a chirography peculiarly elegant and clear, by their numerous notes and emendations exhibit his methods of work. What remains of the third volume of his history, which was intended to cover the period from 1517 to modern days, causes regret that he should not have lived to complete it. Among his papers are found other treatises and such lectures as he occasionally gave the students in his office, of an interest not all of them simply professional. His expositions of the development and operation of feudal institutions will be well remembered by whoever has read them.

The value of his productions, and the reasonable promise of more, from the learning and wise philosophic views they

displayed, attracted attention at home and abroad. As early as 1800 he had been elected a member of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and later he was connected with those of New York, Pennsylvania, and Georgia as Honorary or Corresponding Member. He was a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, member of the American Philosophical Society, and of the Academy of Letters, Sciences and Arts of the Valle Tiberina Toscana. Harvard College conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Laws, and he was President of the Society for Promoting Theological Education and of numerous other societies and associations.

Whatever tended to develop trade and the public prosperity found in him a zealous advocate. If abuses demanded reform, with all due moderation he set himself to the task. In the cause of temperance he was among the most zealous, with more faith in persuasion than in legal restraints. His published works were principally designed to inculcate sound and sensible views of religion, morality, philosophy, and civil obligations. His efforts were untiring, as an early and leading member of the Bunker Hill Association, to rear an enduring monument of the principles it was designed to commemorate. Nor was he unmindful, when called upon to deliver the oration at Plymouth, of the steadfast faith and self-consecration which, transmitted to their descendants, rendered possible our political liberties. The influence exerted throughout a community by a few individuals familiar with its history, and thoroughly imbued with the genius of its institutions, cannot be too highly valued, as new generations rise up to be instructed, and strangers flood in for assimilation. His abundant opportunities thus to be of use rarely were passed unimproved.

Absorbed in these engrossing pursuits, his health gave way, and visits to Georgia to recover it in 1837, with his daughter to the Virginia Springs in 1838, and to Saratoga in 1839, proved of little avail. He bore his sufferings with

composure, entertained his friends with his ever cheerful conversation, and was about till within a fortnight of his death. He had come home from Saratoga early in August, when his strong frame finally yielded to maladies rooted in his system by his devoted assiduity to his work; and, on the 3d of September, 1839, he passed away. His remains were deposited in the tomb of his father, near the Athenæum windows, in the Granary Burial-Ground. His widow survived him until 1851. Of his ten children, the youngest died in childhood; the eldest, James, as he entered on professional life; William, Swan, and John are now dead. His daughters intermarried, — the eldest with Stuart Newton, the Royal Academician, and William F. Oakey, of New York; the second, with James Montfort Schley, of Georgia; the third with Hon. John Eliot Ward, our Minister to China under Buchanan; and the fourth with Dr. Crocker, of Providence, Rhode Island. Meredith, the only surviving son, resides in Philadelphia, and four sons of Swan and a daughter in Savannah, Georgia.

A fine portrait of William Sullivan, painted by Stuart Newton, R.A., his son-in-law, is in New York. In King's Chapel, which he attended, and where he was a constant communicant, is a marble tablet on the south wall, erected to his memory by his constant friend, George B. Emerson, jointly with his daughter, Mrs. Oakey, with a profile likeness taken from the portrait of Newton, and an inscription in Latin, part of which we translate. It conveys in concise and apt terms a delineation of his prominent traits. It describes him as "ingenuous, benignant, upright, well versed in affairs civil and military, an eminent lawyer and eloquent advocate, an intelligent and diligent observer of all that deserves to be remembered. Studious of whatever can make mankind more noble, more highly civilized, or truly happy. Amiable, dignified, and companionable, and never unmindful of the most humble of his friends or guests. This marble, that the con-

templation of his virtues may be lasting, was erected by his affectionate daughter and his attached friend, George B. Emerson," to whom so many of these eulogiums apply with equal truth.

Boston may well be proud of her children, when one, able, gifted, and useful as William Sullivan is almost forgotten in the crowd. Eloquent as an orator; vigorous and indefatigable with his pen; throughout his career untiring in his zeal for the best interests of the public around him, of his country and race; an honest politician, with no ambition for office; without pretension, and shrinking from display,—he may well be regarded as the model of what a good citizen should be under free institutions. Happily endowed by nature, many personal qualities which made him estimable were the result of self-culture and discipline, of well regulated principles and sense of religious responsibility.

Diffident of his own claims, he was too proud to covet honors or responsibilities which did not seek him, or when others were eager to assume them. He may have thus possibly lost chances of usefulness he would have on this account valued more than for any distinction they might have conferred. Independence of character often, however, commands that confidence apt to be withheld when sought, and he had abundant cause, throughout his career, to be grateful for the public and private trusts which fell to his lot. When called to any post of duty, he obeyed, where consistent with other obligations, without hesitation or regard to personal consequences, too glad to be permitted to be of service. Prudent in the management of his own affairs, and economical in his personal expenditures, he was generous to others. He paid large sums, and took upon himself heavy burdens to extricate them from embarrassments, even where the result of their own imprudence, and to his own great pecuniary disadvantage.

In all his private relations, as a devoted husband, affection-

ate parent, and steadfast friend, in fidelity to every claim and obligation, he was an eminent example of what human nature is susceptible in its highest development. His unaffected courtesy, unconscious dignity, and elegant simplicity of manners, are well remembered. His deference and consideration for others, and sacrifice of time and means, of his own advancement or enjoyment to promote theirs; his readiness to instruct or amuse, especially the young; his warmth of heart, generous judgment, and disposition to aid and befriend them in their need, — endeared him to all who came within his influence. That his charities had been without ostentation, was testified when he died by the numbers who had been relieved by him in their necessities who crowded to take their last view of his remains. We do not fear that we have said too much in his praise, but that our effort to recall him as he was may fall short of what justice to his memory demands.

T. C. A.

Memoir of the Hon. John Lowell.

John Lowell, the oldest of eight children of Judge John Lowell, was born at Newburyport, Oct. 6, 1769. He was fitted for college at Phillips Andover Academy, where he formed friendships which lasted his life, — among others, with Samuel Putnam, for many years an honored Judge of the Supreme Judicial Court, with whom he was afterwards connected by the marriage of their children. After Mr. Lowell's death, Judge Putnam wrote of him, as he appeared at school: "He was certainly among the best scholars. Upon occasional exhibitions, he was put forward to support the credit of the Academy, as exhibiting the best attainments in Greek and Latin. I must say that I do not recollect an individual who has impressed my mind and affections with such uniformity since the days of my boyhood. He was as frank, ardent, generous, and pure then as he has been ever

since you have known him." He was graduated at Harvard College, in 1786, at the age of seventeen; having among his classmates several persons who were afterwards eminent,—among others, Isaac Parker, afterwards Chief Justice of Massachusetts.

Mr. Lowell was admitted to the bar before he had attained his majority, and entered almost at once into a full, successful, and lucrative practice. Although at that time the bar of Boston was less crowded than it has since become, there were men of the highest order of ability among its members, such as Theophilus Parsons, Samuel Dexter, Harrison Gray Otis, James Sullivan, and Christopher Gore. To have competed, as he did, with these men on equal terms is proof sufficient of his qualifications as an advocate. Only once has a greater array of talent been gathered at our bar, when, about thirty years ago, we could find upon its rolls the names of Daniel Webster, Jeremiah Mason, Rufus Choate, Peleg Sprague, Franklin Dexter, B. R. Curtis, Richard Fletcher, Charles Greeley Loring, and Sidney Bartlett.

The ardor with which Mr. Lowell threw himself into the causes entrusted to him has been described as greater than that of many of the clients themselves; and, after fourteen years of practice, he found that a constitution, never very robust, had been seriously shaken, and he retired in 1803; and, after three years of travel and sojourn in Europe with his family, he returned to Boston, but never resumed the active practice of his profession. In 1817, he was persuaded by an old friend and client, Ward Nicholas Boylston, to make a journey to England, and try to forward Mr. Boylston's cause in a chancery suit, which was dragging its slow length along before Lord Eldon. To the surprise of those who were acquainted with the difficulty of the undertaking, he was fully successful. His professional life was closed some years before the publication of the first volume of the Massachusetts Reports, so that no permanent memorial re-

mains to connect even his name with the records of the profession. Tradition has preserved a general rumor of zeal and eloquence. One very famous case in which he was engaged was that of Jason Fairbanks, of Dedham, accused and convicted of the murder of a young lady of that town. The counsel for Fairbanks were Harrison Gray Otis and Mr. Lowell; and the junior counsel, at least, was fully convinced of the innocence of the prisoner, and is described as having endeavored to prove by argument and illustration that the girl might have inflicted upon herself the terrible wound in the back which was the cause of her death. Of the numerous causes of a civil nature which he argued, nothing is now remembered. It is apparent, however, from his writings, that he was thoroughly versed in several branches of the law, including what is now known as International Law, then called the Law of Nature and Nations. It is also plain, from the course of his life, that he must have been no less sound and prudent as an adviser, than zealous and eloquent as an advocate. Indeed, his counsel was sought by many friends, both rich and poor, and given with equal readiness to both, to nearly the end of his life.

Upon his return from Europe, in 1806, he entered with characteristic earnestness into the political controversies of the time, as one of the most federal of the Federalists. He was a writer of great spirit, eloquence, and acumen, and his many articles, published in the newspapers or in pamphlets, discussed the burning topics of that day — the embargo, non-intercourse Acts, seizure of the "Chesapeake," the approaches of the war, and its justice and conduct — in a way which commanded the greatest attention and respect, and often affected the conduct of Massachusetts, and sometimes even gave pause to the Administration whom he opposed. His pamphlet on expatriation, the argument of which was pronounced by Chief Justice Marshall to be conclusive, was generally believed to have caused the Government to relin-

quish an act of retaliation which they had openly threatened in return for the execution of certain British sailors. These seamen had entered our naval service, and assumed to be or were naturalized American citizens, but were taken in arms against England. The theory of inalienable allegiance which this pamphlet and the Government of Great Britain acted on, and which our Government denied, authorized the execution. The retaliation was not carried into effect. It is well known that this question has been the subject of negotiation and treaty between the United States and some of the countries of Europe, even down to the time of Mr. Bancroft's late mission to Germany.

The Federalists were at this time very justly called the English party, and the Republicans, or Democrats, as they then began to be named, were with equal propriety called the French party. France and England both outraged the rights of this country as a neutral, and seized our ships, in defiance of law and justice. The Democrats resented most the spoliations of the English, and the Federalists those of the French. In looking back at those almost forgotten controversies, I think I can see that the Federalists had a fair share of the truth of history on their side. It was true, as they maintained, that the success of Napoleon, or Bonaparte, as they always called him, was more to be deprecated by us, as well as by the rest of the world, than that of his enemies, who simply stood on the defensive. All that the Federalists said of him was true, and will, in time, be generally admitted to have been so. It would be easy to quote passages from Mr. Lowell's pamphlets which anticipate many of the criticisms of Lanfrey. Since this able writer dispersed much of the Napoleonic myth, the French are beginning to speak of Bonaparte.

That the United States should have drifted into an alliance with Napoleon is not a subject for pride on our part. The Democrats insisted upon regarding him as the representative

of the democracy of Europe, which, to a certain extent, and against his will, he was ; and they overlooked in him conduct which they would not have forgiven to his rival. There were, too, more frequent occasions for collision with England. While, therefore, there was abundant excuse for war with either nation, the Democratic party and the force of circumstances determined that we should take the side which was soon to meet with deserved defeat.

But whatever of right may have been with the Federalists, they committed an error which no nation has ever forgiven, of opposing the war after it was actually declared. Of course, they met the fate which befell the English Whigs at the beginning of the century, and the Northern Democrats of our own time. The war was the end of the Federal party. A few of their leaders foresaw the result, and abandoned the party before it was too late. Mr. Lowell, who never would accept a political office, and cared only for what he considered true in principle, was not one of these.

The question how far the Federalists were prepared to go in their opposition to the war has been discussed, but is of little importance, as they never, in fact, did any thing. It appears from a letter of Mr. Lowell's, lately published, that he declined to take part in the Hartford Convention, because he truly anticipated that they would do nothing.

Mr. Lowell had no genius for intrigue, and it is certain that he was no party to any supposed plots or schemes for dividing the country. His whole mind on the subject was expressed with his usual frankness in a review of a political "Confession of Faith," published by Mr. Dexter, in 1814. "To accuse the Federalists of enmity against the Union is to accuse them of murdering the child of their bosom. . . . I ought, however, in frankness to state that many men believe that there are evils worse than disunion. I am one of those. I am not ashamed or afraid to avow my opinions." He goes on to say that oppression may be worse than disunion, but he

does not say that he expects or is actually prepared for the alternative. On the contrary, he declares: "We have no wish or idea of a separation of the States. We have only a desire that we should be as united in action as we are in suffering, so that we can speak a language that can be heard at Washington. . . . We are the true friends of union who would compel Congress, by our spirited and united language and conduct, to adhere to the principles in which the Union was founded. That Union which we cherish is not an empty name, under whose sanction such deeds of tyranny are to be committed, but a solid and substantial blessing, for which we surrendered a portion of the sovereignty of this free and independent State."

This story of a plot by the Federalists to divide the Union, and hand a part of it over to England, gained a certain currency at one time, chiefly through Mr. John Quincy Adams's public statement of his belief in it, made in 1828, when he was President. The recent publication of his very able and interesting defence of his position, written at the time, but given to the world only the other day,* effectually disposes of it; for he says he had no evidence of it, and, indeed (at p. 222), that he never supposed that more than two or three persons were engaged in it. The plot, if there were one, cannot have been very formidable.

After the war, Mr. Lowell never took any public part in the discussion of politics, and no one, says Mr. Everett, saw with more satisfaction than did Mr. Lowell the subsidence of party spirit which took place at that time.

About 1815, the Unitarian controversy sprang up, and Mr. Lowell contributed a very able pamphlet to its discussion. Some years later, when certain changes were proposed in the discipline of the Congregational churches, which would in-

* Documents relating to New England Federalism, edited by Henry Adams, 1877.

crease the powers of church members at the expense of those of the parishioners, he published three articles against this innovation or reaction. Mr. Greenwood, who was well fitted to pronounce, says of them: "He did not volunteer them, however, but was led and almost compelled to write them by the urgent representation of several of his friends of the clerical profession, who were persuaded that he was, of all men, the best qualified to do justice to the questions involved: and they were right. His services were no less than invaluable." The plan was abandoned. The only other writing of a controversial nature which Mr. Lowell published was a review, in 1824, of the memorial of many of the professors and tutors of Harvard College, who maintained and tried to convince the Overseers that the "Fellows" or governors of that institution ought, of right, to be chosen from the officers of instruction resident at Cambridge. Mr. Lowell's argument in reply to the memorial is not more remarkable for its logical force and historical accuracy than for the candor and temperance of its tone. Mr. William Wells, who corrected the proofs, wrote, when sending them back: "Every friend of the College ought to feel a warm gratitude to you for your exertions in this business." Then, after congratulating the author on the birth of a grandson, and quoting a line of Horace in reference to the transmission of certain qualities by descent, he says: "If so, this youngster is destined to support the liberties and defend the property of the next generation; to become the scourge of demagogues and the terror of quacks of every description." In this matter, also, the side espoused by Mr. Lowell prevailed. Mr. Lowell was not fond of controversy. His writings, though they reflect with great severity upon the public conduct of men in office, are wholly free from private malice or personal innuendo. He cultivated none of the arts of a wrangler; but dealt directly and forcibly with the subject in hand, disregarding side issues, and scorning irrelevant triumphs. In the case

which I have referred to, of the proposed change in the government of the College, he remained through life the warm friend of Mr. Everett, the author of the scheme which he had assisted to defeat. When the amiable and accomplished priest, afterwards bishop, Chevereux, published in the "Monthly Anthology" an article attacking the statements of one of Mr. Lowell's letters from Rome, which had appeared in that journal, the author of the letter refused to reply, because (as he wrote to the editor, Dr. Kirkland, in a private note) he had so much respect for his opponent and for the good work which he was doing among his people here, that he would not run the risk of diminishing his influence in the slightest degree, though he thought that his article could be very easily answered.

Mr. Lowell took an active part in founding or strengthening the principal charitable and literary institutions of his day in and near Boston. He was one of the founders of the Provident Institution for Savings, the Massachusetts General Hospital, the Boston Athenæum, the Life Office, and the Botanical Garden in Cambridge; and in these and all other enterprises which he joined, the ardor of his nature required him to give his whole mind and energy to the cause, and he acted as a natural leader, though without the slightest wish to be called so. He was for many years one of the Corporation of Harvard College, and afterwards one of its Overseers. He was Secretary, and afterwards President, of the Massachusetts Agricultural Society, and contributed very largely to its publications. The subjects which interested him more than law or politics or literature were agriculture and horticulture. When he was an active practising lawyer, he had a greenhouse attached to his house in Boston. After he inherited his father's country-seat at Roxbury, he lived there during more than half the year, and visited the greenhouse nearly every day of the whole year. He was active and constant in trying experiments and introducing improved meth-

ods and new seeds, trees, and cattle. Persons interested in these subjects would often come from distant places to examine the results of his labors or to see his rare exotics. Immediately after his death, Mr. Colman wrote in the "New England Farmer": "His communications on agricultural and rural subjects to the public, through the 'Massachusetts Repository,' the 'New England Farmer,' and other publications, were numerous and highly instructive, possessing not an ephemeral but a permanent value. His careful journals of the seasons and the progress of vegetation, continued for a series of years, have been annually looked for by the public with strong interest. He was eminently instrumental in introducing several new and useful articles of culture, and some of the most valuable fruits which are known in the vicinity of Boston, the seeds of which he always distributed in the most liberal manner. In seeking to elevate the character of the art, by improving the character and condition of the husbandman, and to lead the public to a higher estimation of agriculture as a liberal pursuit, no man has ever labored with more zeal and efficiency."

The life of Mr. Lowell which engrossed all that to him was of really great and vital interest was that which was passed in the enjoyment of the affections of his family and of his many personal friends. Mr. Everett says: "But it was only in social intercourse and the relations of private and domestic life that the beauty and worth of Mr. Lowell's character were fully displayed. He was animated by the loftiest sense of personal honor; his heart was the home of the kindest feelings; and, without a shade of selfishness, he considered wealth to be no otherwise valuable but as a powerful instrument of doing good. His liberality went to the extent of his means; and, where they stopped, he exercised an almost unlimited control over the means of others. It was difficult to resist the contagion of his enthusiasm, for it was the enthusiasm of a strong, cultivated, and practical

mind. He possessed colloquial powers of the highest order, and a flow of unstudied eloquence never surpassed, and rarely, as with him, united with the command of an accurate, elegant, and logical pen. It was impossible for him to enter into a social circle, however intelligent, which he was not able unconsciously and without forethought to hold in willing attention by the charms of his conversation. He had a deep sense of the truths and hopes of the Christian faith, and never alluded to them, nor countenanced an allusion, but with that gravity and seriousness which belong to the highest interest of man." As a neighbor, he was always ready with unpurchased counsel and aid to compose the strifes or explain the rights and duties of his poorer fellow-townsmen.

The anecdote was told of him that, when he had become very unpopular by his opposition to the war, and a rumor gained currency that his house in Roxbury was to be attacked by a mob, he refused a guard offered by his Boston friends, because he would not believe that his fellow-townsmen were capable of such an act. This confidence was well founded; for, though the citizens of Roxbury, of both parties, offered him a similar protection, which he likewise declined, no mob made its appearance.

As life declined, Mr. Lowell withdrew more and more, first from his public engagements, and afterwards from all extended intercourse of society, and passed the last years in the large and happy home circle, which it is not our privilege to enter. He died suddenly and peacefully, in his chair, March 11, 1840, being a few months more than seventy years old.

J. L.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, May 28, 1840. The President in the chair.
The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Secretary of State of the United States, Rev. Dr. Cogswell, Rev. Dr. Palfrey, Theron Metcalf, Esq., S. Appleton, Esq., Dr. Stevens, David Eckley, Esq., Elisha Thayer, Esq., the Directors of the Prison Discipline Society, Hon. Edward Everett, Peter Force, Esq., Rev. Dr. Parkman, and Lemuel Shattuck, Esq.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated letters of acceptance from President Swain, of the University of North Carolina, and Dr. Edward Jarvis, of Louisville, Kentucky.

Messrs. HARRIS, FELT, and DAVIS were appointed a committee to make out as many complete sets of the Collections as may be practicable.

The Society received from Samuel A. Eliot, Esq., Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, an invitation to attend, at the church of Rev. Mr. Young, in Summer Street, on Thursday next, June 4, at 4 P.M., the delivery of a eulogy on the late Rev. Dr. Kirkland, a former member of this Society, by Rev. Dr. Palfrey.

Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on the subject appointed at the last meeting, reported a recommendation that the volumes of Collections now in the attic, or so many of them as may be practicable, be removed to the second floor, to the recess in the outer room, and that a partition for this purpose be made across the recess.

Voted, To accept the foregoing report, and that the same Committee be requested to carry the same into effect.

Present — The President, Appleton, Austin, Bartlett, Cogswell, I. P. Davis, Felt, Gibbs, Gray, Greenleaf, Harris, Homer, Lewis, Mitchell, Savage, Shattuck, White, and Willard.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, June 25, 1840. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Rev. Mr. Ripley, requesting to be excused from preparing a memoir of the late Dr. Bradford, on account of ill health. Whereupon,

Voted, To excuse him, and that the Rev. Dr. Francis be requested to prepare the memoir.*

The Librarian communicated donations from the Legislature of Massachusetts, Rev. Messrs. Lunt and Young, Rev. Dr. Boyle, Hon. Messrs. William Minot, James Savage, and Nahum Mitchell, Lemuel Shattuck, Esq., and the Georgia Historical Society.

The Cabinet-Keeper was requested to make search for the pen, said to belong to the Society, with which Governor Hancock subscribed his name to the Declaration of Independence.

* See note † on p. 141, *ante*. — Eds.

Voted, That Rev. Robert Folger Wallcut be requested to prepare for the Society's Collections a memoir of the late Thomas Wallcut.*

Dr. William B. Stevens, of Savannah, Georgia, was nominated for Corresponding Member by Rev. Dr. Harris; Colonel George Bumford, of the Ordinance Department, by Hon. James Savage.

Messrs. GRAY, YOUNG, and R. C. WINTHROP were appointed a Committee on Lectures for the ensuing season, to be delivered under the sanction of the Society, with full power to engage lecturers for the course and to make all the necessary arrangements.

Voted, That Rev. Mr. Young be requested to prepare for the Collections a memoir of the late Rev. Dr. Kirkland.†

The Standing Committee nominated Nathaniel Morton Davis, Esq., of Plymouth, for Resident Member, *vice* Thomas Wallcut, Esq., deceased.

Present—The President, Codman, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gibbs, Harris, Jenks, Lewis, Mitchell, Pierce, Savage, Shattuck, Ticknor, White, Willard, and Young.

* A memoir of Mr. Thomas Wallcut, one of the founders of the Society, who died June 5, 1840, prepared by the Rev. Robert F. Wallcut, will be found on pp. 193-208. — Eds.

† No memoir of Dr. Kirkland, agreeably to this vote, was published in the Collections. Dr. Kirkland had resigned his membership some years before. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, July 30, 1840. The President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Mr. SHATTUCK was appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated donations from Dr. Edward Jarvis, I. P. Davis, F. M. Hubbard, Caleb Cushing, the American Historical Society, and M. Henri Ternaux.

Accompanying the valuable donation of Mr. Hubbard, a letter was received from him, requesting the privilege of the further use of the Library, which was granted on the same terms as before.*

A communication was read from Rev. Dr. Harris, relative to the duties performed by him as Corresponding Secretary *ad interim*; † also, from M. Friederichsthal,

* Mr. Hubbard's gift was a copy of Ackerman's "History of the Public Schools of England"; London, 1816. — Eds.

† The following is Dr. Harris's communication referred to: —

"JULY 18, 1840.

"JOSEPH WILLARD, Esq., Recording Secretary of the
Massachusetts Historical Society.

"DEAR SIR, — Being about making a visit of a few weeks in the State of Maine, I shall, of course, be absent at the next meeting of the Society; but, through you, would respectfully state that, by the return of the Rev. Dr. Lowell, my appointment to the office of Corresponding Secretary *ad interim* having ceased, I have delivered to him the seal, and informed him where the file of letters received in his absence, and the copies of my answers, are deposited. Permit me to say that I have aimed to discharge this office promptly, and in such a manner as to sustain its credit in the view of the foreign societies to whom letters were to be addressed, as also to give the many individuals who sought information the most satisfactory answers in my power.

"I congratulate the Society on the fitting up an apartment for the reception of the Collections of the Society. As these numerous volumes were brought down from the attic, I arranged them in due order on the shelves. In the same room a considerable number of the bound newspapers have been placed. But

attaché of the Austrian Embassy, offering his services to the Society in the collection of documents relating to Austria. Whereupon,

Voted, That this communication be placed in the hands of the Publishing Committee.

M. Friederichsthal was nominated for Corresponding Member.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from John Disney, Esq., accepting his election as Corresponding Member.

The Cabinet-Keeper reported that the only record as to the pen referred to at the last meeting was the following: viz., "April 26, 1796. The identical pen with which Congress subscribed the Act of Confederation in 1778. Mrs. Blodgett, of Virginia." *

I must acknowledge that I had become so weary in the protracted labor, from mounting up steps to pile books aloft, and stooping down to place ponderous volumes, that I was obliged to quit before I had got all the latter in exact chronological location. This acknowledgment applies, also, in part, to the Congressional documents.

"With much regard, your old friend,

T. M. HARRIS."

Dr. Harris was very scrupulous and exact in the performance of his duties as Corresponding Secretary *ad interim*, preserving copies of the letters written by him during that period, which were not few. The Corresponding Secretary's official seal, to which he refers, and of which a representation is given below, has of late years been laid aside. See *ante*, p. 61. — Eds.

Seal of the Corresponding Secretary.



* See Proceedings, Vol. I. p. 98. — Eds.

The Cabinet-Keeper also reported that a manuscript belonging to the Society, relating to the north-eastern boundary, was missing, being the manuscript account of Proceedings of the Commissioners for settling the River St. Croix, by Hon. Egbert Benson. Whereupon,

Voted, That the Librarian write to the several members of the Society and ascertain in whose possession it may be.

Mr. YOUNG, from the Committee for procuring lectures, reported in part.

Mr. Gray was, on his own request, excused from serving on the Committee. Mr. SAVAGE was appointed in his place, and was subsequently excused. Rev. Dr. LOWELL was then appointed to fill the vacancy.

Rev. Mr. Young was excused from serving on the Committee, and Mr. WILLARD was chosen in his place.

Mr. DAVIS stated to the meeting that the records show that the Athenæum has on loan a copy of the "Remembrancer" belonging to the Society.* This copy being a duplicate, it was

Voted, To offer it to the Athenæum; and, if not purchased by that Institution, to make sale of it to some individual.

Voted, That Mr. Davis be authorized to rent the room in the attic to the Natural History Society.

WILLIAM B. STEVENS, D.D., and Colonel GEORGE BUMFORD were elected Corresponding Members.

NATHANIEL M. DAVIS, Esq., of Plymouth, was elected a Resident Member.

Mr. I. P. DAVIS presented to the Society a picture of General Washington crossing the Delaware, on condi-

* See Proceedings, Vol. I. p. 282. — Eds.

tion that the Society would have the same suitably repaired. Whereupon,

Voted, That the Society accept the donation on the proposed condition, and that Mr. Davis be requested to have it repaired at the expense of the Society.

Present — The President, Bartlett, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Gardner, Jenks, Lowell, Mitchell, Pierce, Savage, Shattuck, White, R. C. Winthrop, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Tuesday, Aug. 25, 1840. The President in the chair. The record of the last meeting was read.

Le Chevalier FRIEDERICHSTHAL was elected Corresponding Member.

Donations were communicated by the Librarian from Messrs. Peter Force, Henry Davenport, W. W. Davenport, Alonzo Lewis, Benjamin Guild, Thomas Powers, Daniel Appleton White, J. Q. Adams, James Savage, John Vaughan, Theodore S. Bell, W. W. Campbell, and Rev. Dr. Cogswell; also, he communicated a letter from Mr. Friederichsthal, accompanying a donation of a volume upon Serbia; also, a donation from Obadiah Rich, of an early map of New England.

Mr. Willard was excused, on his own request, from serving on the Committee on Lectures, and Mr. SHATTUCK was chosen in his stead.

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary be requested to write to Governor Cass, at Paris, to obtain the volume of annual statistics pub-

lished by the French government, for the use of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

Present — The President, Adams, Austin, Bartlett, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Francis, Gray, Harris, Jenks, Lowell, Mitchell, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, Tucker, White, and Willard ; and Rev. Jasper Adams and George Folsom, Esq., Corresponding Members.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Sept. 24, 1840. The President in the chair.
The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from William B. Stevens, M.D., of Savannah, accepting his election as Corresponding Member ; also, from Col. Bumford, accepting his election as Corresponding Member ; also, a letter from Dr. Edward Jarvis, of Louisville.

The Librarian communicated donations from Dr. Edward Jarvis, Nathaniel Willis, Esq., John Warren, Esq., American Philosophical Society, Rev. A. B. Chapin, Dr. J. V. C. Smith, and Rev. Dr. Cogswell.

The President nominated for Corresponding Member Hon. Joel Parker, LL.D., Chief Justice of the Superior Court of New Hampshire, and President of the New Hampshire Historical Society.

Rev. Dr. Lowell nominated for Corresponding Member Rev. John Lee, D.D., LL.D., F.R.S., F.A.S., of Edinburgh, and Principal of the University of Edinburgh.

Voted, That the Publishing Committee be directed to proceed and publish forthwith Vol. VIII., third series, of the Collections.

Mr. DAVIS communicated a request from Theodore Dwight, Esq., for the use of the Trumbull manuscripts in the Society's Library, in preparing a life of the late Governor Trumbull.

Voted, To refer this subject to Dr. Harris, Mr. Savage, and Judge Davis.

Mr. Greenleaf nominated Henry Black, Esq., of Quebec, for Corresponding Member.

Present — The President, Appleton, Codman, Cogswell, I. P. Davis, Francis, Gibbs, Greenleaf, Harris, Jenks, Lewis, Lowell, Pierce, Quincy, Shattuck, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Oct. 29, 1840. The President in the chair.

In the absence of Mr. Willard, Mr. TICKNOR was appointed Recording Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

A letter was communicated by the President from Hon. Edward Everett, Paris, Sept. 3, 1840, respecting an imperfect copy of the Collections of the Society in the Library of the Louvre, and respecting a copy of Raynouard's "Troubadours," six volumes, 8vo, supposed to have been sent from the same Library to this Society.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. SAVAGE,

Voted, That the letter be referred to the Librarian and Corresponding Secretary, with directions to complete the set in the Louvre, as far as the volumes in the possession of the Society will permit, and respectfully to inform the official head of the Louvre Library that Raynouard's "Troubadours" have never been received by this Society, and that the only communication received by this Society from the Louvre Library was dated March 3, 1818, and was answered July 28, 1818.

The Corresponding Secretary presented sundry autograph letters from Dr. Mayhew, Harrison Gray, Rev. Andrew Eliot, S. Mayhew,* Edmund Quincy, and Edward Holyoke, with copies of answers to them by T. Hollis,—all from our Corresponding Member, John Disney, Esq., of London. Whereupon, it was

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given by the Corresponding Secretary to Mr. Disney for his valuable and curious donation.

The Corresponding Secretary presented from M. Ombrosi, of Florence, "Dissertazione intorno ai Viaggi e Scoperte Settentrionali di Niccolò ed Antonio Fratelli Zeni. . . . Venezia, 1808." Whereupon,

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to M. Ombrosi for this donation.

The Librarian announced the donation of sundry curious and valuable books and tracts relating to American history. Whereupon,

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given in the usual form.

Mr. Henry J. Abell, Dr. Jarvis, and Rev. Dr. Lowell made donations, which were communicated by the Librarian.

* S. Mather (?).—Eds.

A discussion arose as to the lost manuscripts of the Hon. Egbert Benson, being an account of the proceedings of Commissioners for settling the River St. Croix; and, it being suggested that it might probably be in the Department of State, and in the Diplomatic Bureau, of which W. S. Derrick, Esq., has charge, with other books and property of the Society, —

Voted, That the whole subject be referred to the Hon. J. Q. Adams, J. Savage, and I. P. Davis, to act for the interests of the Society as they may deem expedient, and to reclaim any other books, manuscripts, papers, or property of the Society that may be found at Washington, whether lent by the Society at the time of the discussion of the question of our North-Eastern Boundary, under the reference to the King of Holland, or otherwise.

HENRY BLACK, Esq., of Quebec, Lower Canada, Hon. JOEL PARKER, Chief Justice of the Superior Court of New Hampshire, and Rev. JOHN LEE, D.D., LL.D., F.R.S., F.A.S., Edinburgh, were severally elected Corresponding Members of the Society.

Voted, That Dr. Lowell be requested to obtain a translation for the Society of the work on the Voyage of the Zenos, this day presented by him to the Society.*

Dr. LOWELL, from the Committee on Lectures, reported that the Committee had not as yet succeeded in making arrangements for a course of lectures this year. Whereupon,

Voted, That the same Committee have charge of the subject of lectures for 1841–42, as well as for the present year.

* For a translation of the Zeno narrative, first published in Italian, in Venice, in 1558, see the publication of the Hakluyt Society of London, for 1874, entitled "The Voyages of the Venetian Brothers, Niccolò and Antonio Zeno," &c., translated and edited by Richard Henry Major, F.S.A. A résumé of this paper, prepared by the author by special request, may be found in the Proceedings for October, 1874. — Eds.

Voted, That the Librarian be requested to report at the next meeting a list of all such books as should be kept permanently in the Library, and not lent out.

Dr. Harris was excused from service on the Committee on the Trumbull manuscripts, and Mr. TICKNOR was chosen in his place.

The next stated meeting falling on the day of annual Thanksgiving, —

Voted, That it be held on the Wednesday preceding, at twelve o'clock *M.*

Present — The President, Appleton, Bartlett, Cogswell, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Greenleaf, Harris, Lowell, Mitchell, Pierce, Savage, Ticknor, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Wednesday, Nov. 25, 1840. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from M. Jomard, of Paris, Dr. J. Smyth Rogers, Adam Winthrop, Rev. Drs. Lowell, Palfrey, and Cogswell, and Messrs. Francis Jackson, J. E. Worcester, and Alden Bradford.

Dr. HARRIS, from the Committee on the subject of books not to be taken out from the Library, reported that he had not completed the list, and asked for further time, which was allowed.

Mr. Savage nominated Hon. Thomas Day, of Hartford, Connecticut, for Corresponding Member.

The Librarian was authorized to put in proper repair the volumes of our Collections that are to be sent to the Society of the Louvre, pursuant to the vote of the last meeting.

The Librarian and Mr. YOUNG were appointed a committee on Mr. Willard's proposition for an exchange of some books for a set of the Society's Collections.*

Present—The President, Bartlett, Cogswell, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gardner, Gray, Harris, Jenks, Lowell, Mitchell, Shattuck, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Dec. 31, 1840. In the absence of the President, Mr. SAVAGE was called to the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from President Quincy, Hon. Levi Woodbury, William H. Prescott, John Vaughan, I. P. Davis, and John P. Bigelow, Esq.; also, a donation from Sir John Caldwell, of thirty-eight volumes, folio, of the Legislative Documents of Lower Canada. Whereupon,

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to Sir John Caldwell for his large and munificent donation.

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized to reimburse to Mr. I. P. Davis the sum paid by him as freight for the books presented by Sir John Caldwell.

* Mr. Joseph Coolidge, chosen a member in April, 1811, died Nov. 19, 1840. A memoir of him by Mr. R. C. Winthrop will be found in this volume on pp. 209, 210. — EDS.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter of acceptance from John Winthrop, Esq., of New Orleans.

Dr. HARRIS, from the Committee on the subject, reported verbally recommending an acceptance of Mr. Willard's proposition made at the last meeting. Whereupon,

Voted, That the Librarian deliver to Mr. Willard a set of the Society's Collections, in exchange for Berry's "Sussex and Kent Genealogies," two volumes, folio, and the coats-of-arms of Kentish families, as engraved around Dr. Harris's map of Kent, placed before his "History of Kent."

Hon. THOMAS DAY was elected a Corresponding Member.

The Librarian, pursuant to a vote at the last October meeting, reported a list of books, &c., that should not be taken from the Library, which report was accepted, and the Librarian was directed to mark such books, &c., accordingly. The following is the list:—

Dictionaries, Gazetteers, Catalogues of Libraries, Register of First Settlers, by Farmer, Thayer's Family Memorial, Judge Mitchell's History of Bridgewater, Kennet's American Library, Rich's Bibliotheca Americana, volumes of the Society's Collections specially bound for the Society, files of Newspapers and such as are bound, Maps and Plans, all Manuscripts, except by special vote of the Society, and the books of the Old South Library.

Present—Austin, Cogswell, I. P. Davis, Felt, Gibbs, Gray, Greenwood, Harris, Lincoln, Lowell, Mitchell, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1841.

Thursday, Jan. 28, 1841. In the absence of the President of the Society, President QUINCY was called to the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Hon. Joel Parker, Chief Justice of New Hampshire, in acknowledgment of his election as a Corresponding Member of the Society.

President QUINCY returned to the Society sundry manuscripts, the property of the Society, received by him from the widow of the late Rev. Dr. Holmes.

Mr. AUSTIN renewed his motion, made at a previous meeting, for leave to take with him to the city of Washington Vol. IV. of the Trumbull Papers, containing the opinion of Murray (afterward Lord Mansfield) in relation to the boundary between Massachusetts and Rhode Island Provinces, for the purpose of using the same before the Supreme Judicial Court, in the question pending between the two States as to their boundary line. Whereupon, after some discussion,

Voted, That leave be given to Mr. Austin, pursuant to his motion.

Mr. Young had permission to take from the Library one of the copies of Graham's "Chart of Cape Cod." *

The Librarian communicated donations from Hon. Abbott Lawrence, George Folsom, Esq., and Dr. Bass.

* Graham's "Chart of Cape Cod" was used by Mr. Young in preparing his map of Cape Cod, published in the "Chronicles of the Pilgrim Fathers," which appeared this year. — Eds.

Present — Appleton, Bartlett, Cogswell, Judge Davis, Felt, Francis, Gibbs, Gray, Harris, Jenks, Lamson, Lowell, Mitchell, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, White, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Feb. 25, 1841. Mr. SAVAGE, the senior officer present, took the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Mr. GRAY was appointed Secretary *pro tempore*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Dr. Jarvis, of Louisville, Hon. T. L. Winthrop, Charles Warren, Thomas Moore, and Dr. Lowell.

Voted, That the Librarian and Secretary cause the plan of Quebec, presented by Dr. Lowell, to be suitably repaired.

Voted, That Rev. Lucius R. Paige, of Cambridge, and Mr. Judd, of Northampton, have access to the Library for six months, in conformity with their request.

Voted, That the subject of taking books from the Library by persons not members be referred to Mr. Ticknor and Mr. Greenleaf.

The Standing Committee nominated Charles Francis Adams, of Boston, for a Resident Member, in the place of Joseph Coolidge, deceased.

On motion of Mr. LINCOLN,

Voted, That Dr. Lowell and Mr. Quincy be a committee to prepare Resolutions expressive of the sense the Society entertains of the virtues of their late President, Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop, deceased, and of their respect for his memory, and to consider what measures

should be adopted for the appropriate commemoration of their lamented benefactor.*

On motion of Judge DAVIS, it was

Voted, That at the next regular meeting the Society will proceed to fill the vacancy in the office of President, occasioned by the death of Mr. Winthrop, and that notice to this effect be given to the members by the Secretary.

Adjourned to Saturday next, at noon.

Present — Bancroft, Codman, Cogswell, Judge Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gardner, Gray, Greenleaf, Harris, Lamson, Lowell, Quincy, Savage, Shattuck, Ticknor, Welles, White, and Worcester.

F. C. GRAY,

Secretary pro tempore.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

Saturday, Feb. 27, 1841. Judge DAVIS was called to the chair. Mr. GRAY to act as Secretary.

On the report of the Committee appointed at the last meeting, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, on the twenty-seventh day of February, 1841, by adjournment, for the purpose of receiving the report of a Committee appointed on the 25th instant, on occasion of the death of their late President, the Hon. Thomas Lindall Winthrop, LL.D., to prepare Resolutions expressive of their sense of bereave-

* "Hon. T. L. Winthrop died on Monday the 22d, at six o'clock A.M."
Foot-note of the Secretary.—Eds.

ment by this event, and of their estimation of his many services, the report being now made and considered, it was thereupon unanimously

Voted, That this Society deeply laments the death of the late Hon. Thomas Lindall Winthrop, who has for many years presided over its deliberations with an urbanity and earnest devotion to its interests not less exemplary and honorable than useful; who, descending in a direct line from the first Governor of Massachusetts, has manifested through a long life the virtues which distinguished his illustrious ancestor; filled to general approbation, for several years, the office of Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth; and exemplified the true uses and fulfilled the obligations of wealth by the liberality of his private charities, and by his patronage of the several important institutions over which he presided, and others with which he was connected, evinced, as respects the Historical Society, by frequent and valuable benefactions.

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary be requested to transmit a copy of the above vote to the family of the deceased.

Present—Cogswell, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Gray, Harris, Lincoln, Lowell, Savage, and Young.

F. C. GRAY,

Secretary pro tempore.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, March 25, 1841. Rev. Dr. LOWELL was chosen President *pro tem.*

The record of the last meeting was then read.

Donations were communicated from Francis Markoe, Jr., Corresponding Secretary of the National Institute for the Promotion of Science at Washington, Dr. Jarvis, Joseph E. Worcester, Dr. J. V. C. Smith, Rev. Mr. Young, Rev. Tryon Edwards, and Dr. Storer.

Mr. TICKNOR, from the Committee on the subject of taking books from the Library by persons not members, stated that the report of the Committee was in the hands of Mr. Greenleaf.

CHARLES F. ADAMS, Esq., was chosen a Resident Member of the Society, *vice* Joseph Coolidge, deceased.

Hon. JAMES SAVAGE was unanimously chosen President of the Society, *vice* Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop, deceased.

Voted, That Mr. Dabney have access to the Library for six months, according to the permission granted at the last February meeting to Messrs. Paige and Judd.

Present — Appleton, Austin, Bartlett, Cogswell, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gray, Harris, Lamson, Lowell, Merrill, Mitchell, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Saltonstall, Savage, Ticknor, Tucker, Welles, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1841.

Thursday, April 29, 1841. The President in the chair.
The record of the last meeting was read.

Donations were communicated from Messrs. John Vaughan, James T. Austin, Lemuel Shattuck, Nathan Appleton, John Q. Adams, Rev. Drs. Lamson, Palfrey, and Cogswell; also, from John Pickering, Esq., a work of Pedro Angelis.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Henry Black, Esq., of Quebec, accepting his appointment as Corresponding Member.

Mr. TICKNOR, from the Committee on the subject of taking books from the Library by persons not members, reported certain rules, which were read, and, after some discussion, were severally accepted and placed on file, and it was

Voted, That the Librarian cause two hundred copies of said rules to be printed for the use of the members.*

* The following are the additions to the By-Laws made at this time. These provisions were subsequently incorporated into the next printed code, issued in 1853. No previous discussion or notice was necessary at this time, as a preliminary to the alteration of the By-Laws. It was only required that there should be eight persons present.

"LIBRARY OF THE MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

"Regulations adopted at the April meeting, 1841.

"1. In all cases where it can be done without risk of material injury, this Society recognises the duty of rendering its Library and other Collections useful to persons not members of its body, but engaged in researches, in which such persons may deem such a privilege important to them.

"2. At the written request of any member of this Society, the Librarian shall permit any person to visit and use the Library, at such times as the Librarian may be in attendance; such member becoming thereby responsible for any injury to the property of the Society that may result from such introduction of a stranger.

"3. At the written request of any member of this Society, the Librarian shall deliver to any one person indicated in such request, but to no more than one person at the same time, any book or books belonging to the Society, which the member himself could take out; such member, by such request, making himself responsible that all the rules relating to the book or books so taken out shall be as fully observed by the person authorized to receive them, as if he were a member; and that any injury accruing to the property of the Society, in consequence of the privilege thus granted, shall be made good by the member at whose request the grant is made.

"4. Once in three months, beginning with the regular meeting in July next, the Librarian shall lay before the Society a list of the names of the persons, not members, who, during the three months preceding the date of such report, may have had access to the Library, or the Collections of the Society, with a list of the books each may have taken out, and of the names of the members at whose request either of these privileges was granted; adding thereto a statement of each injury that may have accrued to the property of the Society in consequence of granting such permission, and the name of the member who is responsible for it." — *Eds.*

Mr. ADAMS, from the Committee appointed at the last October meeting in relation to the Benson manuscript account of the proceedings of the Commissioners for settling the River St. Croix, reported that he had caused search to be made for the manuscript in the Department of State at the city of Washington, but without success.*

A letter addressed to the late President of the Society by Donna Anna Isabel Torlade de Azambuja, of the city of Lisbon, June 7, 1840, was received, communicating the death of her father, Jacob Frederick Torlade de Azambuja, late Minister from Portugal to the United States, and a Corresponding Member of the Society, and requesting the Society to cause a subscription to be

* This manuscript is now in one of the cupboards of the Society. The following is written on a fly-leaf in the beginning of the book, by James Sullivan, the first President of the Society:—

"A Manuscript Statement of the Controversy between the United States of America and Great Britain, in regard to the Eastern Boundary of the former, in the year 1796; by the Honorable Egbert Benson, one of the Commissioners Presented to the Massachusetts Historical Society by the author, through the hands of His Excellency Governor Strong, Anno 1802.

"BENSON
BARCKLAY } *Commissioners.*
HOWELL }
JAMES SULLIVAN, *American Agent.*
WARD CHIPMAN, *British Agent.*"

There are four well executed manuscript maps at the end. The manuscript is bound, and labelled "St. Croix."

Judge Sullivan died in December, 1808. The records of the Society do not indicate so early a presentation of the volume as his memorandum above quoted would show. Among the donations communicated at the January meeting, in 1816, is "Manuscript Account of Proceedings of Commissioners for settling the River St. Croix. From Hon. Egbert Benson." It is quite possible that the volume was found, after his death, among the private papers of Judge Sullivan, and sent to the Society by his family; and, for the first time, formally entered as a gift in the records. The records, so far as observed, do not show its second restoration, so to speak, to the Library, concerning which so much anxiety was felt at this time. It may still have been reposing somewhere in the Library itself. — Eds.

opened in the country to enable her to erect a mausoleum to his memory in the place of his burial, the Cemetery dos Prazeres.*

After some remarks from Mr. ADAMS, the consideration of the subject subsided, and no order was taken thereupon.

Another letter to the late President, from Hon. Edward Everett, at Florence, was received, communicating a valuable donation of books to the Society from Count Jacob Gräberg de Hemsö.

The President, on the request of Hon. Mr. Everett, nominated Count Jacob Gräberg de Hemsö for Corresponding Member.

Voted, That Dr. Lowell and Mr. Quincy, the Committee appointed at the February meeting, be requested to designate some gentleman to prepare a memoir of our late venerated President, Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop.

The Committee having designated Mr. Savage, he was requested to prepare a memoir accordingly.†

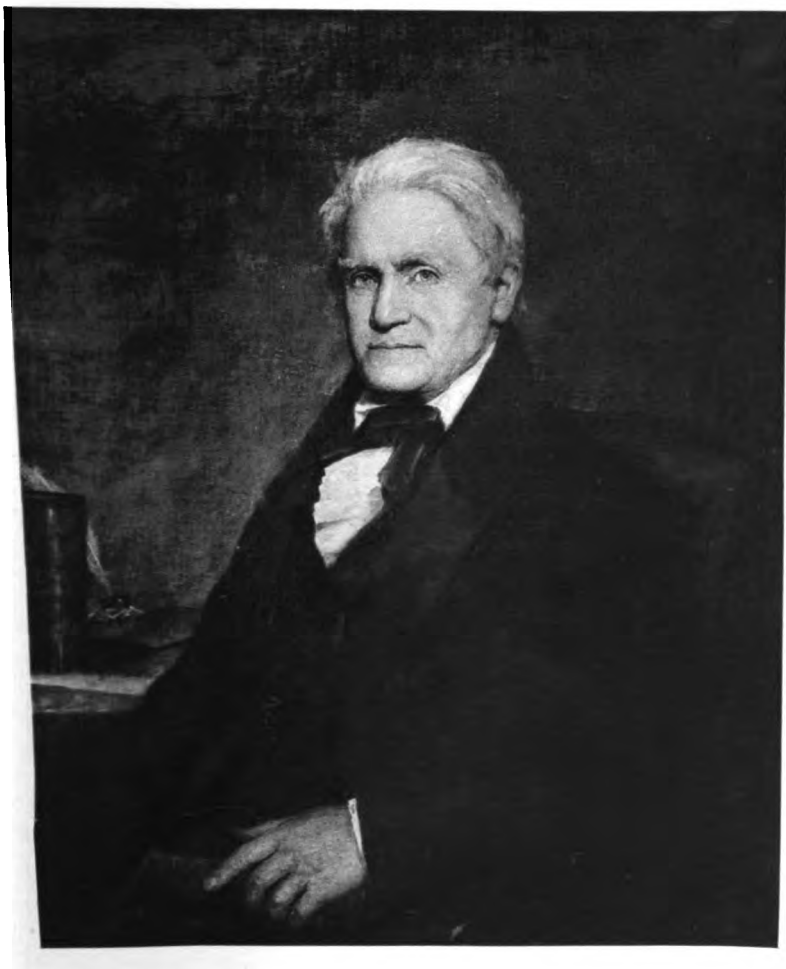
Messrs. TICKNOR and I. P. DAVIS were appointed a committee to make the annual examination of the Treasurer's accounts.‡

Colonel Aspinwall, of London, through Professor Sparks, presented to the Society a manuscript copy of Eliot's "Christian Commonwealth," the only printed

* This gentleman was Chargé d'Affaires to the United States, from 1828 to 1834. There is no entry in the Society's records of his election as Corresponding Member. — EDS.

† Mr. Savage did not perform this service. A memoir of the late President by the Rev. Dr. Jenks is in 4 Collections, II. 202-214. — EDS.

‡ The report of the Auditing Committee forms a part of the record of the May meeting. — EDS.



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Lamson, Lowell, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Shattuck, Sparks, White, Willard, and Young.

JOSEPH WILLARD,

Recording Secretary.

[Three Resident Members died during the year,— Mr. Thomas Wallcut, the last survivor of “the founders,” Mr. Joseph Coolidge, and Lieutenant-Governor Winthrop, President of the Society. A memoir of the last named only has appeared in the Society’s volumes. Memoirs of the others here follow.—Eds.]

Memoir of Thomas Wallcut.

Among the earliest and most devoted friends and laborers in the work of the Massachusetts Historical Society was Thomas Wallcut, one of the ten original members of the Society, its first Recording Secretary, and for many years a cordial and efficient coworker with Jeremy Belknap, James Freeman, and other early members. He was not a man of brilliant talents, neither was he pretentious at all, but rather shrinking from notice,—at times, sensitively so; yet, withal, a man of warm heart and generous impulses; a man, too, of high moral principle, conscientiously devoted to the true and the right.

He was born in Boston, Aug. 16, 1758. His mother was a sister of Colonel Thomas Marshall, who was actively engaged in the Revolutionary struggle, and whose influence in the family, in connection with the exciting and trying events of the time when the war broke out, undoubtedly exerted a strong counteracting influence in regard to an object which was very dear to the heart of his mother. She was a woman of very decided character. She and her family,—respecta-

ble trades-people, of but moderate means, and not highly educated,—by force of character, entered with self-sacrificing energy upon whatever movements were started for doing good. The same characteristic, later in life, she carried into her school for little ones, which for years was known as Ma'am Wallcut's Dame School, where children, some of them of prominent families, received their earliest training, among whom were Lucius Manlius Sargent and Rev. Samuel Joseph May. But when her son Thomas was twelve years old, her aims for him assumed a peculiar turn. Sharing the religious opinions of the Orthodox churches of the period, she listened with eager interest when the labors and plans of the Rev. Eleazar Wheelock, the ardent apostle for the conversion of the Indians, were earnestly and eloquently urged by Samson Occom, a gifted Indian preacher, who had been trained by Mr. Wheelock at his Indian School in Lebanon, Connecticut. Occom, having advocated this cause for two years in England, in 1770 landed in Boston, zealous to procure sympathy and aid for an object so dear to him. Mr. Wheelock had been working with this high aim, and with much success, during many years, at Lebanon, Connecticut, where, in aid of his labors, Joshua Moor had bequeathed his valuable farm, the nucleus of Moor's Indian Charity School. To lessen the distance between his school and the children of the forest, Dr. Wheelock had changed the scene of his labors to Hanover, New Hampshire, where from that date grew up, largely through his efforts, the since flourishing institution, Dartmouth College. Moor's Indian Charity School went with him. At that time it was one of his principal resources. His plan was to make the incipient college, as he had previously made his school in Connecticut, a kind of Normal School, for training Indian youths, of both sexes, to the habits and industries of civilized life,—a natural first step to their adoption of Christian doctrines and duties,—thus forming a connecting link, much needed, between the

life of the white man and that of the red man. The plan also included the training of promising white lads, whose parents would devote them for life to Indian missionary work. Thomas Wallcut, in 1770, was twelve years old, a gentle, quiet boy, not over fond of study, but a fair subject, as it seemed, for the preparatory training of the Indian Charity School, and a subsequent career in college, to be followed by a whole life of missionary labor. To his mother it seemed the highest ideal of life for her young son, and she gladly consented to his going forthwith, with suitable protectors, on an eight days' journey, as it then was, to Hanover. He there went through the four years' preparatory training, and in 1774, at sixteen, he passed examination, and was ready to enter upon his collegiate course.

His first step in that course, by Dr. Wheelock's decision, to fit him for greater usefulness as a future missionary among the Indians, was to go and reside among them, to learn their language and ways of living. He went in company with Rev. Levi Frisbie, then and for years before an efficient worker under Dr. Wheelock, and afterward minister of Ipswich, Massachusetts. He was, moreover, father of Professor Levi Frisbie, of Harvard College, whom those who enjoyed his teaching and his society, in the good old days of Dr. Kirkland, will long and gratefully remember. Young Wallcut, then sixteen, in company with this loved guardian and friend, left Hanover, going, as he says in a letter found among his papers, on foot ninety miles to Crown Point, thence to the St. Francis tribe of Indians in Canada, where he was to find a home for more than a year. He was pleasantly located in what was called St. Francis Village, on the river Chaudière, not far from Montreal. Mr. Frisbie, busy in missionary work, at points not far distant, was to make frequent visits to his young *protégé*. It is affecting to read Dr. Wheelock's account of the matter, how four Indian boys came to the College, as he says, in Tommy's

place; how tenderly the Doctor cared for them; how providentially, as he expressed it, Tommy's mother, with her little daughter, was brought to reside in Hanover, and to take charge, like a mother, of the four lads, with six others, since brought there, and all for Christ's sake, and the sake of her own boy, then far away. It seems a pity that the plan could not have been carried out to completion; but it was not to be. After the breaking out of the war, he left his Indian home, under a permit from Governor Guy Carlton, of Canada, and went to his mother at Hanover, where she was then living with his sister. After the evacuation of Boston by the King's troops, in March, 1776, she, with her son and daughter, returned thither. Dr. Wheelock's plan for converting and civilizing the children of the forest and the chase, was, for a time, at least, — and, as far as young Wallcut was concerned, for ever, — effectually crushed. On arriving in Boston, what a change had come over every thing; and what a change over the destiny and character of the lad, now approaching eighteen years of age. All things were in commotion. His brother Benjamin, four years older than himself, whom his mother had left apprenticed to Mr. John Lucas, a baker at the South End, in what is now Lucas Street, had connected himself in marriage with Miss Sally Loring, the Rev. John Lathrop performing the ceremony at Mr. Lucas's house, Nov. 4, 1776.

Within a month, December 3, Benjamin entered the Continental army, in his uncle's, Colonel Thomas Marshall's, regiment, at the head of a company, of which his uncle had assured him that, if he would raise it, he should have the command. Another brother, Christopher, two years younger than Benjamin, had also come into the same regiment as ensign. The regiment was immediately to depart for Bennington, Vermont, which was reached in eleven days. On July 8, 1777, in an unsuccessful encounter with the Ninth British Regiment at Fort Ann, Christopher was killed, and Benjamin

was taken prisoner and carried to Quebec, whence, after a confinement of six months, he was released by exchange of prisoners. After nearly two years' further service, his health giving way, he resigned his commission, and retired from the army. Heart-breaking to their mother as was the death of one son and the carrying away as a prisoner of the other, there was still her youngest son, Thomas; and he, though naturally quiet and retiring in his disposition, was so worked upon and carried away in the general excitement that he went on a privateering cruise for about three months, from which, eighty dollars of prize-money was paid afterward to his mother; but, not relishing a sea life, he then enlisted as a private in Captain Samuel King's company, belonging to Colonel Marshall's battalion, of Boston. Not long here, however, for in a few weeks we find him, more to his taste, acting as assistant clerk in the military hospital at Albany, New York, where Colonel Marshall's regiment was; and, soon after, early in 1779, established as steward and ward-master in the hospital at Barton's Point, in Boston, under the direction and control of Dr. John Warren, Surgeon-General. In this position he labored to the entire satisfaction of his superior officer, until, in 1782, the hospital was given up.

Peace following in 1783, and the country becoming quieted, new institutions were formed, and new questions on all matters, economical, political, moral, and religious, were started. In all these questions, and upon all plans growing out of them for improving the condition of things, Mr. Wallcut took a lively interest. He had a sensible, clear, and natural way of expressing himself in writing; though, as to speaking in public, he shrank from it entirely. Numerous were the hints thrown out, and the articles written by him for the newspapers of the day, as well as for the periodicals, then and subsequently springing into being. One of these, not very long-lived, in which he was actively interested, was

called "The Apollo." Years afterward, from 1803 to 1810, came up a much more able and important one,—the "Monthly Anthology," comprising the contributions of the best and most distinguished minds of the period. In its first three or four years he contributed several interesting articles for it. For several years he compiled the "Massachusetts Register," containing a list of post-offices, &c. A favorite idea of his was that all boundary lines, whether of towns, counties, states, or nations, should be those made by nature herself,—as rivers, lakes, mountain-ridges, &c.,—never by arbitrary or changeable lines, or even by degrees of latitude or longitude, thus avoiding, as he supposed, doubts and disputes that might lead to conflict; and he would have liked to have all political constituencies remodelled upon a simple plan, say, of a hundred cantons or electoral districts, which would prevent overgrown legislative bodies. These suggestions might be deemed fanciful; but a happier one, whether original with him or not, was seized upon and urged by him many years before it was adopted in practice. It was the institution of Savings Banks. The project of a canal across Cape Cod attracted his attention; and, by correspondence and writing articles in the newspapers, he labored for it. Another matter in which he took a deep interest was the exploration and settlement of the North-Western Territory. The Ohio Land Company was just started; and, on receiving his pay for hospital services, he invested nearly the whole of his means—a thousand dollars—in one of the shares of that company. Unsettled in his plans for future support, he set off for Ohio, on a tour of inspection, which lasted nearly six months. Sometimes by the lumbering stage-coach of the period, sometimes by water, and often and for long distances on foot, he reached the Muskingum River, in Ohio. A diary of his movements and experiences, which he kept for the last half of the time, and which is found among his papers, is very interesting. He had a vague idea of settling there;

but, after a brief survey of the lands which fell to his share, he abandoned the plan, and returned to Boston. It may be said here that this purchase of land in Ohio was the only financial investment he ever made in his life; and, as an investment, it resulted as disastrously as many others have since done. Had he settled at the West, it might have been different; but, living so far from his land, though for years he employed an agent, and repeatedly sent money to pay his taxes, when notified by his friends, it still happened that, through neglect growing out of his impaired health in subsequent years, the whole was eventually sold for taxes, until, as late as 1838, Nahum Ward, Esq., of Ohio, offered one hundred dollars for a quit-claim deed on the part of Mr. Wallcut, which was accepted.

But to return to the period of his early manhood, and the matters of deepest interest to him then. That was a season of development and change of all things around him and of ideas within him. Of course, it was upon questions that involved morals and religion that his mind passed through the most serious changes. His manner of life, from his childhood, had been after the strictest sect of Orthodoxy. Before going to Hanover, and while there, he had probably not thought at all for himself. Even while there, his mother and Dr. Wheelock and Mr. Frisbie did his religious thinking for him, after the most approved stereotyped fashion. But the American Revolution was the precursor to a revolution of thought on religious questions, as deep and vital as that was in politics, though not, like that, sudden and violent. It was, indeed, hardly perceptible for a time, but went on gradually and steadily through the century that has just closed.

It is curious to note, indeed, after his return from Hanover, and his being thrown into the excitements of the time, one thing which might justly have alarmed his anxious mother more than any change of religious views, which then probably had not begun to be developed. Among his papers

are found a few letters to him, — then about nineteen years of age, — from a set of boon companions, perhaps partners of his brief privateering cruise, who claimed him as a member of a club of rollicking, jolly fellows, having nightly carousals, and ridiculing every thing serious. It is difficult to believe that he entered into their revelries to any extent, or shared their spirit, so contrary to the whole tenor of his life before and afterwards. Nothing in keeping with such relaxed moral habits and tastes ever shows itself in him. His five years' hospital career was without a blemish of this sort.

After the peace, however, we find a renewal of an acquaintance with James Freeman, which began when they were boys together in the Latin School, and which now ripened into an intimacy of many years' duration. Mr. Freeman, having broken away from Orthodoxy, was settled in King's Chapel, on Congregational principles, by the wardens of the congregation, and without priestly sanction. Mr. Wallcut went with him, and for years attended on his ministrations, though the liturgy and forms of the chapel service, revised, indeed, doctrinally, had little attraction for him.

As another indication, about this time, of a change of views yet more radical, we may notice his growing regard for Quakerism. To account partly for this tendency, and partly for his devotedness to book collecting, we may mention a tradition, very probable in itself, yet without proof from any thing found among his papers. The tradition is that about this time, say from 1788 to 1795, he became intimate in the family of Joseph Hussey, a Quaker merchant, to one of whose daughters he was strongly attached, if not engaged for matrimony; but, the young lady soon afterward dying of consumption, to his great disappointment, he seems to have given up all thoughts of marriage, and henceforth devoted himself to antiquarian research and the collecting of books and pamphlets. Orations and occasional sermons, whatever had appeared before in print, or should yet be

published, he aimed to gather together, as material for his story. Books became his hobby; they took the place of wife and children in his affections. To the fullest extent of his limited means and of the scanty room at his command in his mother's house, in High Street, he heaped up this peculiar kind of riches.

His intimacy with this Quaker family essentially modified his religious views. The simplicity of the Quaker belief, the quiet harmony of their households, their serenity of spirit, completely won his heart. Dogmas, catechisms, creeds had little interest to them or to him. War was abhorrent to their ideas. The slave trade, also, and slave holding, which were but war in disguise, were no less abhorrent to their souls; and, in regard to all these prevalent, but inhuman practices, Mr. Wallcut readily sympathized with them and adopted their views. Thomas Clarkson had already startled the world by exposing the horrors of the slave trade, and William Wilberforce had begun working in Parliament for the abolition of the wicked traffic; and, in their arduous labors, no readier or more cordial support came from any quarter than from the Quakers, though their advanced ideas and their conscientious scruples shut them out from all political and legislative action. Among Mr. Wallcut's papers is a copy of an able letter which, at a later period, he wrote to Mr. Clarkson, thanking him for his labors. It may be mentioned here, too, that when, long afterward, Mr. Garrison came out so startlingly, and at such fearful odds, in uncompromising hostility to the institution of slavery, Mr. Wallcut, though then broken in health, and with his mind much impaired, felt in his heart a cordial response to his utterances; and, to the last of his life, while capable of reading any thing, he read the stirring appeals in the "Liberator."

His tendency to Quaker views was doubtless increased by a visit which he made, in 1790, to Nantucket, whither his brother Benjamin had, the year before, gone to reside. Benjamin

had just married his second wife, Elizabeth Hawes; his first wife, who had always been feeble, having died in 1788. A majority of the inhabitants of the peaceful island of Nantucket were Quakers; and it was a delight to him to visit in their families, to enjoy the simplicity of their manners, and to learn the history of the first settlement of the place, together with the difficulties to which their insulated and unwarlike position subjected them during the Revolutionary conflict. An interesting account of this visit is among his papers.

These peculiar religious views, so far as he had then adopted them, did not, however, separate him from his antiquarian friends, particularly James Freeman, Jeremy Belknap, George Richards Minot, and others like them. They were noble, generous-hearted men. Some things in him they may, perhaps, then or some years later, have thought were growing to be eccentric or whimsical. But they loved him for his simplicity of character, his obliging disposition, and his unassuming deportment. He loved them for their liberal thought, and their wish to do good in whatever ways seemed to them practicable. And, perhaps, their common interest in antiquarian research, more than any thing else, would draw them together. When, in 1790, these gentlemen, and a few others like-minded, took measures for forming this Historical Society, they asked him to join them, which he readily did. They all felt that there was peculiar reason for its existence in the state of things at that time. The country had but recently entered upon a new and untried political life. Most things were unsettled; the finances in disorder; the several States, though united, yet little amalgamated; how much was to be learned, how many difficult problems to be solved, how many perils to be encountered. In this transition period from the old to the new, when the community was looking back upon more than a century and a half of heroic patient effort, and forward to

a new and broadening future, in which these thirteen hitherto distinct provinces were united to form the nucleus of a great and mighty nation, — the thought could not but come up in reflecting minds, Is there not danger that great and valuable stores of material for present instruction and future history, that lie scattered over the land, will be lost irretrievably, if some combined effort be not made to rescue them from oblivion, to gather them together, and keep them for those that come after? Hence sprang up naturally the Massachusetts Historical Society.

Probably the formation of this Society, and his active membership in it, did much to foster and give intensity to Mr. Wallcut's interest in antiquarian research, and his ardor for collecting books and pamphlets for preservation and future usefulness. He had, before this, been earning his living by writing in the State House, where, as he says in 1820, for forty years, on small pay, he found employment, principally as an engrossing clerk, or, as it is expressed in the legislative records, as "clerk in the lobbies for the assistance of members of the Legislature." He had, long before, acquired a handsome round handwriting, in which may be found, at the State House, many documents, — proofs of the neatness and fidelity of his work there. In the intervals of his public duties he devoted himself to his favorite employment of collecting all sorts of publications, old and new, as materials for history. He massed together all that his limited means would allow. The rooms in his mother's house which he could occupy were crammed with them. He had not space for assorting and arranging them, as he would like to have done; and then his health had failed him so entirely that he felt not the energy needful for the task.

Before many years, his active work in this Society was given up; and afterward all interest in the Society on his part, and all genial bearing toward him on the part of his old friends and associates, seem to have terminated. A partial

insight as to the causes of the change may presently be reached.

His vigor, both of body and mind, he was conscious was not what it had been. In 1817, feeling that his powers of usefulness might not continue long, and remembering with gratitude his obligations to Dr. Wheelock, who had been as a father to him, he authorized the Doctor's son-in-law, the Rev. William Allen, D.D., then President of Dartmouth University, as the new charter named it, to come and take from his collection what he might please, as his remembrancer of Dartmouth, or, rather, of Dr. Wheelock. The offer was gladly accepted, and a large number of books, the cream of his collection, was carried to Hanover. The law, however, in 1819, two years afterward, decided that the new charter, with the organization formed under it, should be annulled, and that the institution at Hanover should not be called Dartmouth University, but should be recognized by its old, time-honored title of Dartmouth College; and Dr. Allen, being no longer in office, was invited to the Presidency of Bowdoin College, at Brunswick, Maine. On removing thither, Dr. Allen asked Mr. Wallcut's leave to transfer his donation to that institution; and Mr. Wallcut, feeling his obligations to be rather to the good old Dr. Wheelock and his family than to any particular place, gave his consent. His books nearly fill an alcove in the Bowdoin College Library; and the gift was handsomely acknowledged by a vote of thanks, in which it was stated that the books were very valuable, many of them hardly procurable for money.

For two years (1816 and 1817) he was Secretary to the Peace Society, in its earliest operations, under the venerable Noah Worcester, to whom, as well for the beautiful simplicity of his character as for the meekly Christian spirit of his writings, he was devotedly attached.

In the organization, shortly after this, of the Antiquarian Society at Worcester, he was named as one of its members;

and, very soon, in 1820, Isaiah Thomas, Esq., of Worcester, made an application, in the name of the Antiquarian Society, to be remembered in the disposal of his books, or, at least, to state on what terms he would part with them. It is truly pathetic to read the clear and forcible statement of his condition and its difficulties which he made to Mr. Thomas, in reply to his application. Situated as he then was, after thirty-eight years' service in the State House, reduced to poverty, with impaired faculties, he still could not make up his mind to part with his beloved books,—what there were left of them after his donation to Bowdoin College,—until starvation should compel him to it.

Doubtless, there were changes in himself, coming on from an uncertain period, perhaps as far back as the middle of his days,—say 1810,—of which he himself could have no proper idea. There were eccentricities, too, which would be apt to lower people's estimate of his good sense; as when, to help live down a wicked prejudice, which, from olden times, had set apart in the gallery of the churches a pew, called the "negro pew," he would occasionally go and sit in the pew, passing round his snuff-box to the colored men or women who might chance to be there. An impropriety like this, as most people would consider such disregard of public opinion, even from a good motive, would shake their confidence in the soundness of his judgment, and, perhaps, would lead some of his old friends to say, The man is getting to be demented. Things of this sort, though of rare occurrence, in connection with a growing carelessness about his personal appearance, which his bachelor life, his impaired health, and straitened circumstances would sufficiently explain,—may together account for the coldness and alienation of some with whom he had been intimate, and with whom he had worked heartily and efficiently. Then, too, the disordered state of his physical system produced weakness, lassitude, and neglect of exercise; and these, yielded to, produced

still more disease ; so that, as he advanced in years, he had occasional ill turns when sitting in his chair, slightly epileptic, though but for a few moments at a time, and never convulsive. It was not strange that these turns, when noticed, should impress unfavorably at the State House many who had been his warm friends and supporters, and it goes far to account for the gradual lessening of the pay for his clerical services from year to year. It was mysterious to him ; for none could unfold to him the unwelcome truth ; nor, had some kind soul attempted it, would he, perhaps, have been able to receive it. Poor, embarrassed, disheartened,—secretly plotted against, as he supposed, but bearing no ill will to any,—he struggled along.

Happily, for the partial relief of his finances, three or four years after this,—say 1825 or 1826,—the estate of his mother, who had died in 1811, having been all this time, from various causes, left unsettled, was at length adjusted ; and his portion thereof, being put into the funds of the Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company, yielded him an annuity of two hundred and fifty dollars a year,—a sum barely sufficient for his support ; and, a few years later (in 1833), a pension for his hospital services of three hundred and sixty-seven dollars and fifty cents was obtained for him, through the effort of E. Haskett Derby, Esq. In all that was done for his comfort in his now enfeebled state, the kindness of his excellent friend, the late Charles W. Cartwright, should never be forgotten. Other friends, who valued and loved him as an old laborer for peace, which cause was dear to them all, and whose interest in him continued till death separated them, were the late Joshua P. Blanchard, Lewis and John Tappan, Robert Waterston, and others of kindred spirit. Once, in 1825, after receiving his quarter's annuity of sixty-two dollars and fifty cents, on leaving the office he dropped and lost the whole of it. These friends immediately collected seventy dollars among themselves and a few other

friends. But, though thanking them with all his heart, he could not be prevailed upon to receive it, and his friends were compelled to take back their contributions, so kindly offered.

In 1833, at the age of seventy-five years, he had become so much enfeebled, and his memory so failed him, that one of his nephews, aided by the help and judicious advice of Mr. Cartwright, undertook the care of his uncle, whose generous and loving nature had long been dear to him.

In 1834, upon a renewed application from the Antiquarian Society, through their efficient Librarian, Christopher Columbus Baldwin, for leave to take what was now left of his historical materials, being chiefly pamphlets, he gladly consented; and Mr. Baldwin, taking them, carefully packed in boxes, to Worcester, had them judiciously assorted and bound in volumes. In a letter of thanks from the Society for the gift, dated August, 1834, he expresses his conviction that, with the exception of the collection made by the Rev. Thomas Prince, this is the most valuable ever made by any individual in New England. There are among them many publications relating to American history nowhere else to be found in the country.

In 1835, the Massachusetts Historical Society, by a vote of thanks, through the Recording Secretary, Gamaliel Bradford, Esq., acknowledged having received from him several hundred volumes. These, we had supposed, were given in former years, when he worked actively in the Society; but the Society's records would indicate that they were given at this time. Had not his health failed him, and the society and companionship of his early coworkers been withdrawn by their death, or from influences which have already been hinted at, he would, doubtless, have contributed many more.

After his nephew had assumed the care of his affairs, aided, as has been said, by his kind friend, Mr. Cartwright, and, it should be added, by the equally kind and valuable legal counsel of the Hon. Samuel E. Sewall, it was found that

the annuity and the pension together furnished ample means for his comfortable support. But money can to little purpose minister to a mind diseased. After six or seven years' residence in a modest, quiet home, in what was then called Orange Lane, and a few months at the McLean Asylum, his wearied spirit was released from its worn-out body, and found its higher and better home above. His remains occupy a corner in the Strangers' Lot in Mount Auburn Cemetery; and a marble head-stone bears the following inscription, contributed by his old-time associate and friend, the Rev. Thaddeus Mason Harris, of Dorchester, who, very soon after, followed him to the spirit world: —

"HERE ARE DEPOSITED
THE MORTAL REMAINS OF
THOMAS WALLCUT,
OF BOSTON,

Who deceased June 5, 1840, aged Eighty-two.

"He was one of the earliest and most efficient members of the Massachusetts Historical Society, afterwards a contributor of books to its Library, as he had been to that of the American Antiquarian Society, and to that of Bowdoin College.

"In simplicity and godly sincerity he had his conversation in the world; was meekly submissive under trials, with Christian hope in his death."*

R. F. W.

* A picture of Mr. Wallcut is placed in Vol. I. of Proceedings, p. 4. — Eds.

Memoir of Joseph Coolidge.

Joseph Coolidge was chosen a Resident Member of this Society on the 25th of April, 1811. He was the third of that name, in lineal descent, in Massachusetts. The first was a great-grandson of John Coolidge, an early planter on Charles River, arriving in this country in 1630, who had represented Watertown in the Colonial Legislature of 1658.

The second Joseph Coolidge (born July 27, 1747; died Oct. 6, 1820) was a merchant of integrity, enterprise, and public spirit, and early engaged in the trade with the north-west coast of America and with China. He was an ardent "Son of Liberty" at the commencement of the American Revolution. His mother was Marguerite Olivier, a daughter of Antoine Olivier, a Huguenot, who, with his relatives of the Segourné and Germaine families, embarked at La Rochelle for New England, on the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, in 1685.*

The third Joseph Coolidge, our member, was born in Boston, March 15, 1773. At the close of the Revolution he was sent to France for his education, and passed several years at the Royal Military College of Sorèze, near Toulouse. Entering upon active life while his father was still engaged in commercial pursuits, he became well known as a merchant. But he did not long pursue business as a profession. Having inherited a competent fortune, he early devoted himself to objects of public utility.

He was associated with the establishment of the Massachusetts General Hospital, and was for many years one of its Trustees. He was for nineteen years one of the Overseers of the Poor of Boston. He took an active interest in the

* See Dr. Abiel Holmes's "Memoir of the French Protestants," Massachusetts Historical Collections, third series, Vol. II. p. 79.

Perkins Institution for the Blind, and in the Boston Athenæum, and was a member of the Massachusetts Humane Society. He was more than once a member of our State Legislature, taking an early and special interest in the introduction of railroads into Massachusetts, and expressing an entire faith in their success, while so many around him entertained doubts and misgivings. He was eminent for his hospitality and charity, and was a liberal supporter of religious institutions, without sectarianism.

Mr. Coolidge travelled extensively in Europe, after his education was completed; and, on his return to his own land, married a daughter of Dr. Thomas Bulfinch, a highly esteemed physician of Boston, and sister of Charles Bulfinch, the architect of the State House of Massachusetts, and, in 1818, of the Capitol at Washington. It was to Mr. Coolidge's oldest son, the fourth Joseph Coolidge in lineal descent, of the Class of 1817 of Harvard University, that Thomas Jefferson, whose grand-daughter he had married, presented the Desk on which the Declaration of Independence was written, as "a memorial of his affection," and which is still in his possession.*

Mr. Coolidge, our member, died on the 19th of November, 1840, in the sixty-eighth year of his age, and was buried in one of the tombs under King's Chapel, in Boston, of which church he and his father had long been warmly attached members.

A just and carefully prepared notice of him and his ancestry may be seen in the Appendix to Bridgman's "Memorials of the King's Chapel Burying Ground," pp. 283-286.

R. C. W.

* This unique relic was displayed and described by our President (Mr. Winthrop), in the delivery of his Centennial Oration at the Boston Music Hall, on the 4th of July, 1876. Joseph Coolidge, to whom the desk was given, died on the 14th of December, 1879, while this volume was going through the press. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, May 27, 1841. In the absence of the President, Hon. Judge WHITE was chosen President *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

Donations were communicated of several hundred pamphlets from the family of our late President, Mr. Winthrop; also, from Rev. Drs. Allen, Palfrey, and Codman, Hon. James Savage, and Dr. Edward Jarvis.

Voted, That the Librarian return the thanks of the Society to the family of the late Governor Winthrop for their very acceptable donation.

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts (Judge WHITE acting in the absence of Mr. Ticknor) made the following report, which was read and accepted, viz. :

The undersigned, a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society, appointed to examine the accounts of their Treasurer, Nahum Mitchell, for the past year, having this day performed that service, report that the accounts are well kept, properly vouched, and correctly cast, and that there appears to be a balance of seventy-eight dollars and thirty cents in favor of the Society remaining in his hands.*

I. P. DAVIS, } *Committee.*
D. A. WHITE, }

Boston, May 27, 1841.

* The total receipts for the year were \$407. Of this sum, \$208 were for the second note of Charles Brown, given in part payment for the Franklin Place estate, and \$199 for admission fees and assessments. The payments amounted to \$366.39. They included \$103.62 for note and interest to Nathan Appleton, \$37.13 for taxes, \$20 for wooden pavements, and \$6.50 for freight of books from Quebec. The balance, amounting to \$189.14, was for miscellaneous expenses and to Dr. Harris and Mr. John W. Snelling. — Eds.

Count JACOB GRÄBERG DE HEMSÖ was elected Corresponding Member.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Mr. Tefft, of Savannah, Georgia, which was read and referred to the Rev. Dr. Harris.

Present — Appleton, Bartlett, I. P. Davis, Harris, Lamson, Mitchell, Quincy, Ripley, White, and Willard.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, June 24, 1841. In the absence of the President, Rev. Dr. LOWELL was chosen President *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Rev. Drs. Pierce and Lamson, Professor Sparks, Dr. Edward Jarvis, Messrs. Benjamin E. Thompson, Asa A. Tufts, P. W. Chandler, Professor Rafn, M. Eugene A. Vail, and the American Philosophical Society.

He also communicated an attested copy of a Resolve of the General Assembly of Connecticut, holden on the first Wednesday of May last, by which the Secretary of State is directed to send to this Society, amongst others, "a copy of all the Acts, Resolves, and other public documents printed by order of the General Assembly."

On motion of Rev. Dr. HARRIS,

Voted, That the Corporation of Harvard College be respectfully requested to permit the box of loose papers (printed and manuscript) which accompanied the books of the Ebeling Library, and which are

supposed to be documents for continuing his "History of America," to be deposited in the archives of the Massachusetts Historical Society, with the intent that it may be ascertained of what they consist, and how far they may contribute, if translated from the German, to the Collections of this Society.

Mr. I. P. DAVIS stated that he might be able to obtain a sufficient sum, together with the volume of Speed (a second edition), the property of the Society, to purchase a perfect copy of the first edition, together with the supplemental volume containing charts, &c. Whereupon, it was

Voted, That Mr. Davis be authorized to procure a subscription for that purpose.

Present — C. F. Adams, Bancroft, I. P. Davis, Felt, Harris, Lowell, Mitchell, Shattuck, Sparks, Pierce, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, July 29, 1841. The President in the chair. The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from the American Ambassador at Paris, Governor Cass, acknowledging the receipt of the Secretary's letter, and saying that he would attend to the request therein contained.*

* Governor Cass's letter, dated June 8, is filed with another letter, from the "Bureau de la Statistique Générale de France," dated June 26, and addressed to the American Minister, in which mention is made of a number of volumes sent to him for the Massachusetts Historical Society. — Eds.

The Librarian communicated donations from Rev. B. B. Edwards, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Colonel Stevens, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Rev. Dr. Palfrey, Rev. George E. Ellis, Dr. Edward Jarvis, Lemuel Shattuck, Robert C. Winthrop, Esq., and the American Philosophical Society.

Voted, That the Librarian be authorized to have the entry, &c., of the second story of this building painted, &c., provided the expense shall not exceed ten dollars.

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the whole or any part of the principal of any debt due from the Society.

The Librarian communicated to the Society his first quarterly list, pursuant to the fourth regulation adopted at the April meeting, 1841.*

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary be requested to write to the New York Historical Society, and respectfully inquire whether, among the donations made to that Society by the Hon. Mr. Gallatin, entitled "Donations on the North-East Boundary Question," in eight volumes, folio, Vol. I. containing "Journal of Commission," &c., there be any thing the property of this Society; and, if so, to request a return of the same.†

* This list is not on file. — Eds.

† The Corresponding Secretary addressed a letter to Mr. Gallatin, under date of August 12, calling his attention to the several maps, &c., lent by the Society to the Commissioners for settling the boundary line between the United States and New Brunswick, specified in the records of the Society, under date of Oct. 30, 1828, and expressing the wish that they might be returned. He spoke also of the Benson manuscript as missing from the Society's Library, saying that the Librarian unfortunately did not keep a record of all the documents loaned, and making the inquiry directed in the vote of the Society.

Mr. Gallatin replied, under date of August 16, saying he had never seen the manuscript volume referred to, neither had there been deposited in the New York Historical Society any of the maps, books, or documents received from the Historical Society or from any other institution. He stated the use that had been made of the maps received from the Society, adding that it would be impracticable to return them immediately. — Eds.

Present — The President, Felt, Harris, Jenks, Lamson, Lowell, Mitchell, Pierce, Ripley, Shattuck, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Tuesday, Aug. 24, 1841. The President in the chair. The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Hon. Albert Gallatin, in answer to the Secretary's letter, touching sundry documents relating to the North-East Boundary question, in the archives of the New York Historical Society, some of which it is supposed may be the property of our Society. Whereupon, it was

Voted, To refer this correspondence and the whole subject to Messrs. Austin, Charles F. Adams, and Lowell.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Congress of the United States, Dr. Edward Jarvis, Francis Markoe, Esq., Secretary of the National Society at Washington, Rev. B. B. Edwards, Rev. Dr. Merrill, of Middlebury, Vermont, Noah Porter, Jr., Hon. Messrs. J. Q. Adams, Robert C. Winthrop, and Samuel T. Armstrong.

The following gentlemen were nominated by the Standing Committee for election as Resident Members: viz., Hon. Samuel Hoar, *vice* Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop, deceased; Rev. George E. Ellis, of Charlestown, *vice* Hon. Alexander H. Everett, removed to Louisiana, to be President of Jefferson College; and Rev. William

Parsons Lunt, of Quincy, *vice* Rev. Dr. William Cogswell, removed to Hanover, New Hampshire, to be Professor at Dartmouth College.

Voted, That the taking by any officer of the Society of any books, manuscripts, or other documents for the Society, received at the Custom-House, Post-Office, or other quarter, be left to the discretion of such officers respectively.

The use of the Library was granted Rev. Lucius R. Paige, of Cambridge, for six months from the expiration of his present privilege, pursuant to his request on file.

A communication from a gentleman, under the signature of "Baltimorensis," suggesting the expediency, on the part of our Society, of "collecting, preserving, and, if important, of publishing those documents and facts that have a bearing upon the history of our common country," where there is no local authority to undertake the same, and suggesting some matters touching the early mission of the Jesuits to the Province of Maryland, was referred to Mr. Willard.

Present — The President, C. F. Adams, Appleton, Austin, Bartlett, Codman, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gardner, Harris, Lowell, Mitchell, Ripley, Shaw, Tucker, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Sept. 30, 1841. In the absence of the President, the Rev. Dr. LOWELL was called to the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

Mr. SHATTUCK, in the absence of the Recording Secretary, was chosen Recording Secretary *pro tempore*.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from the Minister of Commerce of France, announcing a donation to the Society of the Statistical Documents published by the French Government.

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary prepare a form of letter of thanks, acknowledging donations to the Society.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. A. Moreau de Jaunis, Edward Jarvis, Eugene A. Vail, Alden Bradford, Alexander H. Everett, P. W. Chandler, Daniel Sargent, the Editors of the "American Quarterly Register," Rev. Messrs. B. B. Edwards and Thomas A. Merrill, the State of Connecticut, and from Messrs. Adams, Winthrop, and Gray, of this Society.

Voted, That Mr. I. P. Davis be authorized to have the daguerreo-type portrait of Hon. F. C. Gray framed, for the purpose of being placed in the room of the Society.

A communication was made on the part of Mr. Snelling, engaged in the Library, relative to his services therein during the last year. Whereupon,

Voted, That he continue in the service of the Society as he has hitherto done.

The meeting then proceeded to ballot for Resident Members, — Mr. LAMSON, Scrutinizing Committee, —

and the following gentlemen were chosen: viz., Hon. SAMUEL HOAR, of Concord, *vice* Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop, deceased; and Rev. WILLIAM PARSONS LUNT, of Quincy, *vice* Rev. Dr. William Cogswell, removed to Hanover, New Hampshire.

Present — I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Hale, Harris, Jenks, Lamson, Lowell, Mitchell, Pierce, Shattuck, and Winthrop.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Oct. 28, 1841. The President in the chair. The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Charles F. Adams, Esq., Henry Barnard, Jr., Secretary of the Connecticut Board of Education, Samuel Wells, Esq., of Northampton, Professors Silliman and Sparks, Rev. Dr. Palfrey, and Mrs. Williams; also, a perfect copy of Purchas's "Pilgrims," from Hon. F. C. Gray.

Professor SPARKS presented an engraved portrait, neatly framed, of the late Rev. Dr. Gordon, and stated that it was pronounced by Mrs. Kimball, of England, who knew Dr. Gordon well, to be an excellent likeness.

Mr. AUSTIN, the Chairman of the Committee on the subject of the documents of the Society relating to the North-East Boundary question, introduced a Resolve, which was read and accepted, and is as follows, viz.:

Resolved, That a copy of Mr. Gallatin's letter to the Corresponding Secretary be transmitted to the Secretary of State of the United States, and that the Government of the United States through him

be respectfully requested to cause such of our books and maps as are in its possession to be speedily returned to us, and to make a just and reasonable compensation for that part of our property which it has placed beyond its control, or otherwise disposed of for the public service.

Voted, That the whole subject be committed to the same Committee, to take such measures as they may deem best to carry into effect the Resolve, and procure a restoration of the property of the Society.

Rev. GEORGE E. ELLIS, of Charlestown, was chosen a Resident Member, *vice* Hon. Alexander H. Everett, removed from the Commonwealth, — Messrs. BARTLETT and WINTHROP, Scrutinizing Committee.

Voted, That as the time appointed for the annual Thanksgiving falls on the day of the stated meeting of the Society, the next meeting be held on Thursday previous, November 18.

Present — The President, C. F. Adams, Appleton, Austin, Bartlett, Codman, Felt, Francis, Gibbs, Harris, Jenks, Lamson, Lowell, Mitchell, Pierce, Shattuck, Sparks, White, Willard, Winthrop, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Nov. 18, 1841. The President in the chair.
The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the New York Historical Society, the American Philosophical Society, Rev. Dr. Francis, Rev. Samuel Ripley, and Joseph E. Worcester, Esq.

The Recording Secretary communicated a letter from Hon. Charles Jackson, resigning his place in the Society, which resignation was accepted.

The Standing Committee nominated Hon. John C. Gray, of Boston, to fill the vacancy.

On motion of Dr. LOWELL, Messrs. FELT and GRAY were added to the Committee on Lectures.

Dr. COGSWELL, on behalf of the Northern Academy of Arts and Sciences, established in New Hampshire, requested a copy of the Society's Collections, so far as they can be supplied, which request was referred to the President and Librarian.*

The Recording Secretary communicated a donation by the Rev. William Ware, of Cambridge, of the papers of the late Colonel James Wemyss, of New York.

Voted, To refer the same to the Publishing Committee.

Present — The President, C. F. Adams, J. Q. Adams, Austin, Codman, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gray, Harris, Jenks, Lowell, Mitchell, Pierce, Ripley, Saltonstall, Shattuck, White, Willard, Winthrop, and Young; also, Dr. Cogswell, Corresponding Member.

* This Society was established at Hanover, New Hampshire. It will be seen, further on, that the Historical Society complied with Dr. Cogswell's request. Under date of March 23, 1842, he acknowledged the receipt of twenty volumes of Collections. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Dec. 30, 1841. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter of acceptance from Mr. Hoar ; and Mr. Ellis, who was present, signified his acceptance.

The Librarian communicated donations from the President, Rev. Mr. Young, Rev. Henry Colman, Dr. Jarvis, of Kentucky, Peleg W. Chandler, Theron Metcalf, and Isaiah W. P. Lewis, Esqs.

The Committee, on the request of the Rev. Dr. Cogswell, made at the last meeting, reported that the request be complied with, with the exception of Vols. VI. and VII. of the first series, Vols. I., IV., V., VI., and X. of the second series, and Vol. I. of the third series. They also recommended that Hubbard's History be charged at three dollars, instead of two, as has been done when included in the series ; and that the volumes above named, of which there are but few copies, and of Vol. I., third series, and Vol. X., second series, no copy, be put into one of the Cabinets, and not disposed of but by a special vote of the Society. This report was read and accepted, and is on file.

Hon. JOHN C. GRAY was elected Resident Member, vice Hon. Charles Jackson, resigned, — Messrs. BARTLETT and C. F. ADAMS, Scrutinizing Committee.

The Librarian announced the reception from Washington of Faden's map, the property of the Society, which was lent to the United States Government, Nov.

11, 1828, to be used on the arbitration of the North-East Boundary question. Also, a donation from the Department of State of a printed folio volume, containing the statement of the case on the part of the United States on that question, and printed in 1829.

Mr. BANCROFT requested the loan of certain of the medallions of the Society, for the purpose of having them engraved.

Voted, That the same be referred to the President and Cabinet-Keeper, with authority to grant the permission at their discretion.

Present — The President, C. F. Adams, Bancroft, Bartlett, Ellis, Felt, Francis, Gardner, Gibbs, Harris, Lowell, Pierce, Ripley, Shattuck, White, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1842.

Thursday, Jan. 27, 1842. The President in the chair. The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Rev. Mr. Lunt, accepting his election as Resident Member at the September meeting, *vice* Rev. Dr. Cogswell.

The Librarian communicated donations from George Bancroft, Esq., Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, Hon. James Savage, Dr. Porter, of Plainfield, Rev. Dr. Palfrey, Samuel Wells, Esq., the American Philosophical Society, and the Independent Company of Cadets.

Rev. Dr. Harris nominated Rev. Charles Burroughs,

D.D., of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, for Corresponding Member.

The Librarian and Mr. FELT were appointed a committee to inquire if the copies of Hubbard's History now at the State House can be obtained for the Society.

Voted, That the memoir of the late Rev. Gideon Hawley, of Marshpee, now in the hands of Judge Davis, be placed, pursuant to his request, in the hands of the Publishing Committee.*

The Librarian made his quarterly report, by which it appears that the Library has been visited as heretofore, and that Mr. Snelling has indexed six large volumes of manuscripts during the quarter, making the whole number indexed by him since his first employment fifty-one.

Voted, That Rev. Lucius R. Paige's privilege of the use of the Library be extended three months from the expiration of his present privilege.

Present—The President, J. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gibbs, F. C. Gray, J. C. Gray, Harris, Hoar, Jenks, Lowell, Lunt, Pierce, Quincy, Shattuck, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Feb. 24, 1842. The President in the chair.
The record of the last meeting was read.

Donations were communicated from Hon. F. C. Gray, Professor Lovering, Mrs. William Sullivan, John D.

* This memoir was not published in the Society's Collections. A number of letters of this venerable missionary to the Indians exist in the Society's archives.—Eds.

Williams, Esq., Tappan & Dennett, the Independent Company of Cadets, President Quincy, Samuel Wells, Esq., J. Wingate Thornton, Esq., Historical Society of Quebec; and, from the Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences, a medal struck in honor of the Second Centennial Celebration at New Haven.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on the subject, communicated a correspondence with the Department of State, by which it appeared that none of the maps, &c., loaned by the Society to the United States Government can be found in the Department of State, except Faden's map, which was forwarded.* The Department also forwarded, as a donation, the unpublished "Statement of the Case" referred to the King of the Netherlands.

The Cabinet-Keeper was authorized to procure a frame for the daguerreotype plate of the old building, presented by Mr. F. C. Gray.

Rev. Dr. BURROUGHS was chosen a Corresponding Member of the Society.

Voted, That Messrs. Ticknor, Bancroft, and Ellis be a committee to examine and report upon the three manuscript volumes containing a list of the survivors of Bunker Hill battle who appeared at the celebration, June 17, 1825, and other matters therein contained.†

* See the records under date of June, 1852. — Eds.

† These manuscripts were sent to the Society by Mr. Richard Sullivan, accompanied by the following letter:—

"Hon. JAMES SAVAGE, President of the
Massachusetts Historical Society.

"DEAR SIR,—The accompanying manuscripts, three in number, were in the possession of my brother William at the time of his decease. He left no directions respecting them, with a view to their preservation for public use, and they came into the hands of Mrs. Sullivan with all else in the house. She is now desirous to make such disposition of them as she thinks her husband would

Present — The President, Appleton, Austin, Bancroft, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gibbs, F. C. Gray, J. C. Gray, Harris, Lamson, Lowell, Pierce, Quincy, Shattuck, Ticknor, White, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, March 31, 1842. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian being absent, from sickness, no communication was made of donations.

Mr. TICKNOR, from the Committee appointed at the last meeting on the subject of the manuscript volumes containing a list of the survivors of Bunker Hill Battle, made an informal report on the matter. Whereupon,

It was moved by Mr. F. C. GRAY, and seconded, that the manuscripts be returned to the family of the late Mr. William Sullivan.

On motion of Judge DAVIS,

Voted, That the whole subject be laid upon the table until the next meeting.

Mr. WELLES having made a verbal communication to the Society of a conversation held by him with the late

have done, had he recollected in his last illness that he had them in his keeping, and has directed me accordingly to request you to give them a place among the Collections of your Society.

"I am, dear Sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

"RICHARD SULLIVAN.

"BOSTON, Feb. 4, 1842."

EDS.

Governor Brooks, relating to certain circumstances in the interview between Generals Washington and Lee,—

Voted, That Mr. Welles be requested to make a full statement in writing of the facts he has communicated.

The Committee on Lectures, by their Chairman, the Rev. Dr. Lowell, made a written report relating to the course of lectures had the last season, which was read, accepted, and placed on file; and by this it appeared that the whole amount of money received was \$885; total expenses, \$241.35; leaving net balance in the hands of the Committee of \$643.65.*

* The following is the Committee's report:—

"The Committee appointed by the Society to make provision for a course of lectures have performed the service, and report that the course was opened on the 22d of November by a lecture from the Hon. John Quincy Adams; subject, 'The War between England and China.'

"He was succeeded on the 29th of November by Rev. J. B. Felt; subject, 'Historical View of the Fasts and Thanksgivings of New England.'

"On the 6th of December, by Alden Bradford, Esq.; subject, 'The Discovery of North America and First Settlement of Massachusetts.'

"On the 13th of December, by Rev. William Jenks, D.D.; subject, 'Reflections on some Peculiarities in Character, Circumstances, and Conduct of the Early Fathers of New England.'

"On the 27th of December, by the Rev. Henry Giles; subject, 'The Spirit of Irish History and English Dominion.'

"On the 3d and 10th of January, 1842, by Rev. Charles Burroughs, D.D.; subject, 'Life of Sir William Pepperell, with an Account of the Siege of Louisburg in 1745.'

"On the 17th of January, by Hon. Francis Baylies; subject, 'The Expedition against Quebec under General Wolfe.'

"On the 24th of January, by Rev. William Cogswell, D.D.; subject, 'The History of Education in the United States.'

"On the 31st of January, by C. F. Adams, Esq.; subject, 'The Origin of Society.'

"On the 7th of February, by Hon. Emory Washburn; subject, 'The Life and Times of William Stoughton.'

"On the 14th of February, by Mr. John Lord; subject, 'The German Barbarians.'

"On the 21st of February, by Rev. C. Francis, D.D.; subject, 'The Visit of Bishop Berkeley to America.'

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to the lecturers respectively for the services rendered by them.

Messrs. LOWELL, SHATTUCK, C. F. ADAMS, FELT, and YOUNG were appointed a Committee on Lectures for the ensuing season, with full powers in their discretion to make provision for a course of lectures.

Present — The President, C. F. Adams, Appleton, Bancroft, Bartlett, Codman, J. Davis, Ellis, Felt, Francis, F. C. Gray, Gibbs, Lamson, Lowell, Lunt, Mitchell, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Shattuck, Ticknor, Welles, White, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1842.

Thursday, April 28, 1842. In the absence of the President, Mr. F. C. GRAY was chosen President *pro tempore*.

"Your Committee further report that the whole number of tickets printed was 1050; number sold, 885; given to lecturers, &c., 30; unsold, 135.

"That they received for tickets sold by Ticknor (559), Little & Brown (155), Crocker & Brewster (123), and at the door (48) . . . \$885.00

"That they paid for sale of tickets . . . \$13.00

" " printing tickets . . . 7.50

" " notices, 'Evening Journal' . . . 1.35

" " " 'Transcript' . . . 9.00

" " " 'Daily Advertiser' . . . 13.50

" " Rev. Mr. Giles for lecture . . . 15.00

" " lecture room and attendant, fourteen nights, at \$13 . . . 182.00

Total expenses . . . ——— 241.35

Balance on hand \$643.65

"Per order.

CHARLES LOWELL."

Eds.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Recording Secretary communicated a letter from the President, requesting to be excused from preparing a memoir of our late President, Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop, deceased; and nominating Rev. Dr. Jenks to perform that duty.* Whereupon,

Voted, To excuse the President, and that the Rev. Dr. Jenks be requested to prepare the memoir.†

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from William H. Herndon, of Springfield, Illinois, asking information as to the objects of the Society, &c.‡

Mr. SNELLING, employed by our late Librarian, Rev. Dr. Harris, deceased, communicated to the Society a

* Mr. Savage's letter, on file, is as follows:—

“BOSTON, 9th April, 1842.

“DEAR SIR,—At the meeting of the Historical Society, last week, I had resolved to mention my intended visit to England, for which my plan was to embark before the ensuing meeting. The long discussion we had on the Bunker Hill documents put it out of my head. Will you be so good as to give notice at the next meeting that it would give me pleasure to receive from any member specific commands, and that, if possible, they shall be obeyed. My address will be to the care of Samuel S. Gair, Esq., Liverpool.

“For this apology you should not have the trouble of this request, were it not also that you may at the same time express my desire to be discharged from the obligation of preparing a memoir on the late President, my friend, Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop. Rev. Dr. Jenks will do it with far better effect and equal satisfaction to his own relations with the deceased. I did not think it respectful to the Society to make application to him personally, but hope no objection to my thus making public the nomination of such a successor, for so pious a duty, can arise. With high regard, yours,

“JAMES SAVAGE.

“JOSEPH WILLARD, Esq., Secretary of the
Massachusetts Historical Society.”

Eds.

† It has already been noticed that this memoir was prepared by Dr. Jenks.
—Eds.

‡ Mr. Herndon's inquiry had reference to the formation of an Historical Society in his own State. He asked for a copy of this Society's Constitution and By-Laws, if printed, and solicited the gift of certain pamphlets, specifying lectures by sundry of our well-known citizens. —Eds.

statement of the bound manuscripts to which he had prepared an index, which communication was read and placed on file.*

Voted, That Rev. Mr. Paige's privilege of the use of the Library be extended six months from the expiration of his present term.

* The following is Mr. John W. Snelling's statement, as placed on file:—

"List of Bound Manuscripts, indexed."

	No. Vols.
Governor Trumbull's manuscripts	22
Less, done by the Librarian, the first ten	10
	— 12
Governor Trumbull's Letter-Book. Two volumes	2
Governor Trumbull, Sr. Correspondence with Washington, &c.	1
Washington and Hancock. Letters to Governor Trumbull, Sr.	1
Mather's Manuscripts (Old South)	7
Ecclesiastical Law Case. <i>Torrey v. Gardner</i> (Old South)	1
Captain Moses Greenleaf's Papers	1
Rev. T. Prince's Papers	1
Letters to and from Rev. B. Colman. 1697 to 1776	1
Rev. B. Colman's Papers. 1708 to 1747	1
Letters and Papers. Boston. 1631 to 1783	1
Letters and Papers. Miscellaneous. 1632 to 1824	7
Governor Jonathan Belcher's Letters. 1731 to 1755	8
General Washington's Instructions, Letters, Doings of Congress, &c. 1775, 1776	1
General Washington and others. Letters. 1776	1
General Washington's Letters. 1776 to 1783	1
William Bollan's Papers. 1754 to 1785	1
Donations to Boston for the Sufferers by the Port Bill. 1774 and 1775	1
Letters, &c., from Boston Committee to sundry Persons, Towns, Counties, and Places, respecting Donations to Poor Sufferers by the Boston Port Bill. 1774, 1775, 1776	1
Letters from John Hancock. Sept. 15, 1775, to July 22, 1776	1
" " July 24, 1776, to Oct. 27, 1777	1
" " Nov. 7, 1780, to March, 1782	1
Letters and Papers collected by C. Mather and others. 1702 to 1792	1
Winslow's Journal. 1755, 1756	1
	55
William Samuel Johnson's Letters, in progress	1
Public Letters, from April 27, 1775, to Dec. 27, 1776	1
	57

Eda.

Mr. TICKNOR, from the Committee appointed at the last February meeting on the subject of the manuscript volumes containing a list of the survivors of the Bunker Hill Battle, communicated a letter from the Hon. Richard Sullivan, which was read and ordered to be placed on record, and is as follows, viz.:—

“DEAR SIR,—I understand that you, with Mr. Bancroft and Mr. Ellis, are a Committee of the Historical Society to consider the degree of importance to be attached to some manuscripts relating to the battle of Bunker Hill, presented by me some weeks ago, in the light of historical documents. Whether I am exactly right as to the words of the commission is not material to the purpose of this note. Since the manuscripts were sent, I have had reason to think it was my brother's intention that the papers in question should never meet the public eye; that they were not prepared under authority from the Bunker Hill Monument Association, but at the suggestion of Mr. W. Sullivan, as matters of curiosity; but that as statements of facts I am now convinced, from a source to be relied upon, and as is also known to you, he considered them entitled to no credit. It is, therefore, my duty, under this information, to beg the favor of you, if consistent with your duty as a committee, to present a request from me to the Society that the manuscripts be returned to me, and in the mean time suspend your further action on the subject. In pursuing this course you will aid me in preventing some mischief which might otherwise grow from my own error in having supposed, when the manuscripts were presented, that they belonged to the public, and were procured under circumstances of some solemnity, and by a committee of the Bunker Hill Monument Association.

“Very respectfully, dear Sir, your obedient servant,

“RICHARD SULLIVAN.

“GEORGE TICKNOR, Esq.

“March (April ?) 8, 1842.”

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. TICKNOR,

*Voted, That, at the request of Hon. Richard Sullivan, as contained in his letter to Mr. G. Ticknor, dated March 8, 1842, the three manuscript volumes on the Battle of Bunker Hill, by him presented to this Society at its meeting in February last, be returned to him.**

* The manuscripts sent to the Society by Mr. Richard Sullivan were depositions taken down, in 1825, from the lips of the survivors of the battle of Bunker Hill, who had been invited and who had assembled to witness the laying of the corner-stone of the Monument at Charlestown, on the 17th of June, in that year. One hundred and ninety of the soldiers of the Revolutionary War were present on that interesting occasion, and went in the procession, next to the escort, of which number forty were survivors of the battle. The directors of the Monument Association thought that this would be a good opportunity to secure the testimony of many actual participants in the action, as valuable historical evidence, that might settle doubtful questions of command and other vexed problems which had arisen, and be of service to the future historian of the battle. William Sullivan was one of the Directors, and appears to have taken part in procuring the depositions. Colonel Samuel Swett, who wrote a "Sketch of the Bunker Hill Battle," in 1818, which was severely handled by the critics, made use of these papers in later editions of his History. In December, 1825, he published "Notes to his Sketch of Bunker Hill Battle," gathered from various sources. Preceding the testimony of more than twenty persons, whose evidence is cited as part of his notes, he says: "The following evidence is from the statements taken down in writing by General Sullivan and other Directors of the Bunker Hill Monument, assisted by Judge Thacher and one or two other gentlemen, at the request of the Directors, from surviving soldiers of the battle, present at the celebration, the 17th June last." The Records of the Bunker Hill Monument Association, at p. 52, under date of July 12, 1825, say: "It was stated to the Directors by General Sullivan that he had possession of the papers containing the accounts given by the survivors of the battle of the 17th of June, 1775, and that he proposed to hold them subject to the inspection of the Directors exclusively."

In reply to a letter, addressed by the writer of this note to our associate, the Rev. George E. Ellis, D.D., one of the Committee to whom the three volumes of manuscripts were referred by the Society, he says that he had known of these papers having been in existence, and of Colonel Swett's having made use of them, when he (Dr. Ellis) wrote his Address on the Battle of Bunker Hill, in 1841, but he could not trace them. He remembered well the meetings of their Committee in Mr. Ticknor's Library, with Mr. Ticknor himself and Mr. Bancroft. "I took the books," he says, "to my house in Charlestown, and deliberately examined them. Their contents were most extraordinary, many of the testimonies extravagant, boastful, inconsistent, and utterly untrue,—mixtures of old men's broken memories and fond imaginings with the love of the marvellous. Some of those who gave in affidavits about the battle could not have been in it, nor even in its neighborhood. They had got so used to telling the story for the

And, thereupon, it was moved by Mr. WILLARD, that the same Committee be requested to report upon the historical character and value of the manuscripts. After some discussion upon the subject,

Voted, That the subject be laid over until the next meeting.

Rev. Dr. CODMAN introduced the following resolution, which was read and accepted : —

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God, in His wise and holy Providence, to remove from this life our revered and beloved associate, Rev. Dr. Harris ;

Resolved, That this Society cherish a respectful and affectionate regard for his memory and his long and valuable services, and that the Rev. Dr. Pierce be requested to prepare a memoir for the Collections of the Society.*

The meeting then proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year, — Messrs. FELT and ———, Scrutinizing Committee, who reported the following gentlemen to be duly elected, viz. : —

wonderment of village listeners, as grandfathers' tales, and as petted representatives of 'the spirit of '76,' that they did not distinguish between what they had seen and done and what they had read, heard, or dreamed. The decision of the Committee was that much of the contents of the volumes was wholly worthless for history, and some of it discreditable, as misleading and false. The suggestion, as I remember, was made that the Committee report advising that the papers be burned. But this was not adopted. My impression now is that a recommendation was made and followed to this effect, — that there should be an entry made in the books, saying that they had been examined by a committee, who had passed judgment upon them, in substance as above, and that they be sealed up, and put away in our Cabinet. Till reading in your letter the statement that the books were returned to the Sullivan family, I was under the impression that we still had them, as I do not recall that return, and distinctly remember the advice of the Committee, which, it would appear, must have been overruled." Our associate, Mr. Thomas C. Amory, a relative of Mr. Richard Sullivan, is strongly of the impression that the papers, on their return to Mr. Sullivan, were destroyed by him. — Eds.

* Rev. Thaddeus Mason Harris, elected in August, 1792, died April 3, 1842. Dr. Pierce having failed to perform the service requested, a memoir was prepared by the Rev. Dr. Frothingham, which is in 4 Collections, I. 130-155. — Eds.

JAMES SAVAGE	PRESIDENT.
JOSEPH WILLARD	RECORDING SECRETARY.
CHARLES LOWELL	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
NAHUM MITCHELL	TREASURER.
JOSEPH B. FELT	LIBRARIAN.
ISAAC P. DAVIS	CABINET-KEEPER.
F. C. GRAY	} STANDING COMMITTEE.
CONVERS FRANCIS	
ALEXANDER YOUNG	
GEORGE TICKNOR	
JOSEPH WILLARD	

Present — Codman, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gibbs, F. C. Gray, Hoar, Lowell, Lunt, Mitchell, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Shattuck, Ticknor, Tucker, White, Willard, and Young.

JOSEPH WILLARD,
Recording Secretary.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, May 26, 1842. In the absence of the President, Mr. F. C. GRAY was chosen President *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Dr. Edward Jarvis, of Louisville, Dr. Woodward, of Franklin, Connecticut, Rev. Mr. Young, Mr. John Pickering, Mr. Lemuel Shattuck, J. Wingate Thornton, of Boston, and Mr. Theodore Clark, of St. Louis.

The Recording Secretary communicated a letter from Hon. Edward Everett, at London, accompanying a donation of the "Report of the Commissioners on the

Condition of the Unemployed Hand Weavers in Great Britain and Ireland," printed in 1841.

Messrs. I. P. DAVIS and CHARLES F. ADAMS were appointed a committee to examine and audit the Treasurer's accounts for the last year, and made the following report, viz. : —

The undersigned, a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer, Nahum Mitchell, for the past year, having this day performed that service, report that the accounts are well kept, properly vouched, and correctly cast, and that there appears to be a balance of twenty-three dollars and thirty-eight cents due to him.*

I. P. DAVIS, } Committee.
C. F. ADAMS, }

Boston, May 26, 1842.

The Standing Committee nominated Rev. John Gorham Palfrey for re-election, *vice* Rev. Dr. Harris, deceased.

Mr. C. F. ADAMS presented to the Society several manuscripts, which were referred to the Publishing Committee.

Voted, That the motion made at the last meeting, relative to an inquiry into the true historical character and value of the Bunker Hill manuscripts be laid upon the table.

Present — C. F. Adams, Appleton, Bartlett, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gibbs, F. C. Gray, Lamson, Lunt, Shattuck, Shaw, Ticknor, Willard, and Young.

* The receipts for the year amounted to \$412.50. Of this sum, \$216 were for the third note given on account of the Franklin Place estate; \$25 for sales of publications; \$3.50 for a sale of coal; and \$108 for admission fees and assessments. The payments amounted to \$514.18; namely, \$354.81 for note and interest to Abigail Phillips, borrowed in April, 1835; \$56.40 for taxes; \$10 for painting; and \$92.97 for miscellaneous expenses. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, June 30, 1842. In the absence of the President, Hon. Judge DAVIS was chosen President *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the General Court of Massachusetts, J. W. Thornton, Esq., the Editors of the "American Quarterly Register," Theron Metcalf and Aaron Hobart, Esqrs., Professor Sparks, Hon. James Draper, the National Institution for the Promotion of Science, and Rev. Mr. Young.

Rev. Dr. PALFREY was re-elected a Resident Member, *vice* Rev. Dr. Harris, deceased.

On motion of Rev. Mr. RIPLEY,

Voted, That the subject of the manuscripts of the Bunker Hill Battle be taken up.

After some discussion, the Chairman of the Committee being absent, and the meeting being a thin one, it was voted to postpone the subject to the next meeting.*

Present — J. Davis, Ellis, Felt, Jenks, Lamson, Mitchell, Pierce, Ripley, Shattuck, Willard, and Young.

* The Records are silent as to any further action or discussion concerning these manuscripts, which, by a vote of the Society at a former meeting, were directed to be returned to Mr. Richard Sullivan. — *Ens*.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, July 28, 1842. In the absence of the President, Hon. F. C. GRAY was chosen President *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Edward Jarvis, M.D., Hon. John Pickering, Rev. L. R. Paige, Rev. Dr. Palfrey, Hon. Levi Woodbury; also, deposits of sundry books, &c., from Robert Treat Paine, Esq., and a Bulkley picture and coat of arms, from Mr. Charles Ewer.*

Messrs. JOHN C. GRAY and FELT were appointed a committee to consider what order should be taken on the subject of books, pictures, and other articles deposited with the Society.

Mr. Bancroft had leave to take from the Library the manuscript volume of agent Johnson's letters.

Voted, That, in consequence of the meeting of the Alumni of Harvard University happening on the same day with the next meeting of the Society, — viz., August 23, the day before Commencement, — the Society's meeting be held on Monday, August 22, at 12 o'clock M.

Present — C. F. Adams, Bancroft, J. Davis, Ellis, Felt, Francis, F. C. Gray, J. C. Gray, Jenks, Lamson, Lowell, Lunt, Pierce, Ripley, Shattuck, Sparks, White, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

* In the Donation Book of the Society this picture is entered as a "Portrait of Rev. Mr. Peter Bulkley"; also, "Family Arms of Bulkley"; and the word "deposited" was subsequently written against these entries. These articles were long since removed from the Library. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Monday, Aug. 22, 1842. In the absence of the President, Judge DAVIS was chosen President *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Hon. Nathan Appleton, J. Wingate Thornton, Esq., Rev. S. H. Riddel, the American Philosophical Society, J. P. Bigelow, Esq., Dr. Edward Jarvis, Morton & Griswold, R. M. Carey and I. K. Tefft, Esqrs.

Voted, To amend the record of the last meeting, by adding the name of Charles F. Adams to the Committee on the subject of books, pictures, and other articles deposited with the Society.

Judge DAVIS communicated a donation, made through Mr. N. G. Snelling, from a gentleman who does not wish his name known, of a letter from General Washington to General Sullivan, dated July 4, 1777, relative to some proposed military operations.*

Present — C. F. Adams, Codman, J. Davis, Felt, J. C. Gray, Greenleaf, Jenks, Palfrey, Ripley, White, Willard, and Worcester; also, Dr. Edward Jarvis, of Louisville, Kentucky, Corresponding Member.

* This letter is dated "Head Quarters, Morristown, 4 July, 1777," and is addressed "To the Honourable Major General Sullivan, Pompton," Passaic Co., New Jersey. Washington directs General Sullivan, on his arrival at Pompton, to halt his division until the intentions of the enemy are known. He has reason to think they intend to move, as most of the shipping has been transferred from Staten Island to New York. Sullivan is to watch the movements of the enemy and inform General Putnam of his being at Pompton; and on certain contingencies he is directed to give Washington immediate information. — *Eds.*

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Sept. 29, 1842. In the absence of the President, Hon. SAMUEL HOAR was chosen President *pro tem*.

Donations were communicated from Hon. Messrs. Nathan Appleton and Levi Woodbury, Rev. Dr. Cogswell, Dr. Mease, George Hood, Esq., Charles F. Sedgwick, Esq., Count Jacob Gräberg, and William T. Waldo, Esq.

Mr. J. C. GRAY, from the Committee appointed at the last July meeting on the subject of books, pictures, and other articles deposited with the Society, made a report, which was read, and the first article thereof, as follows, was adopted, viz. : —

Voted, That no book, picture, or other article shall be received on deposit until a vote be passed to that effect by the Society, and all articles so received shall be at the risk of the owners.

Voted, To lay the report on the table.

Present — C. F. Adams, Bartlett, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gibbs, J. C. Gray, Hoar, Jenks, Lamson, Lewis, Palfrey, Shattuck, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Oct. 27, 1842. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

Judge White nominated George A. Ward, Esq., of New York, and the President nominated Rev. Joseph

Hunter, of London, and Richard Almack, Esq., of Long Melford, Suffolk, England, for Corresponding Members.

The Librarian communicated donations from Dr. Edward Jarvis, the President, F. C. Gray, Esq., Dr. Palfrey, and Hon. J. Q. Adams.

The stated day for the next meeting being the day of the next Annual Thanksgiving,

Voted, That the next meeting be held on the third Thursday in November next.

Mr. SNELLING, as an assistant in the Library, made his quarterly report of his services, which was read.*

Voted, That the Librarian furnish at the next meeting a list of all deposits of books, pictures, and all other articles in the possession of the Society, made up to the time of the last meeting.

The report of the committee on the subject of deposits, adopted in part at the last meeting, was then taken up, and the second article, after some amendments, was adopted, as follows, viz. : —

The Librarian shall cause this vote (viz., the one adopted at the last meeting) to be printed in some convenient form, and shall give notice of the rule to all persons offering articles as deposits.

Present — The President, C. F. Adams, J. Q. Adams, Codman, J. Davis, Felt, Gardner, Gibbs, F. C. Gray, J. C. Gray, Lowell, Pierce, Shattuck, White, and Willard.

* This report is not on file. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Nov. 17, 1842. The President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Dr. PALFREY was chosen Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary read a communication from Alexander Gardiner, of New York, relating to an account of Lion Gardiner, in an extract from a letter of Nov. 10, 1842.

Voted, To commit the same to the Publishing Committee, and to request them to accompany the publication of the manuscript with some explanation of the circumstances now brought to the notice of the Society.*

Mr. F. C. GRAY presented a manuscript, Laws of Massachusetts, 1641, and it was voted to refer it to the Committee of Publication.†

Voted, That a committee be raised to consider the expediency of making arrangements for a public commemoration in the coming year of the second centennial anniversary of the confederation of the New England Colonies.

Voted, That the Committee consist of five; viz., The President, Dr. Palfrey, F. C. Gray, Dr. Lowell, and Judge Davis.

Voted, To proceed to act on the nomination of George A. Ward, Esq., of New York, Rev. Joseph Hunter, of London, and Richard Almack, Esq., of Long Melford, Suffolk, England, as Corresponding Members.

And they were unanimously elected.

The Librarian communicated donations from Dr. Edward Jarvis, Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, Rev. Reuben

* See 3 Collections, X. 173-185. — Eds.

† Printed in 3 Collections, VIII. 191-237. — Eds.

Brown, Rev. Samuel H. Riddel, Hon. John Q. Adams, and Hon. F. C. Gray.

Present — The President, C. F. Adams, J. Q. Adams, Appleton, Bartlett, J. Davis, Ellis, Felt, Francis, Gibbs, Greenleaf, Hoar, Jenks, Lamson, Lowell, Lunt, Mitchell, Palfrey, Pierce, Ripley, White, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Dec. 29, 1842. The President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, CHARLES F. ADAMS, Esq., was appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

Messrs. FELT and TICKNOR were appointed a committee to consider the propriety of amending the tenth article of the first chapter, touching the mode of notifying members.

Mr. SAVAGE, from the Committee appointed at the last meeting on the subject of a celebration of the second centennial anniversary of the confederation of the New England Colonies, reported in favor of a celebration, and that it should be had on the twenty-ninth day of May next, at noon, that being the day on which the ratification of the Articles of Confederation was made by the Colony of Massachusetts Bay, making allowance for the difference of style; and that a discourse on the occasion should be delivered before the Society by some member, to be selected for the purpose, to which all persons interested and desirous of attending should be invited. Whereupon,

Voted, To accept the report, and that the selection of the individual to make the discourse contemplated in the report be left to the same Committee, together with all the arrangements necessary, and the invitations.

Mr. SAVAGE presented manuscript Gleanings for New England.

Voted, To refer the same to the Publishing Committee.*

President QUINCY was appointed to prepare for the Society a memoir of Mr. Grahame.†

* They are printed in 3 Collections, VIII. 243. — Eds.

† James Grahame, LL.D., the author of the "History of the United States," was elected a Corresponding Member in October, 1829. He seems not for a number of years to have been aware of his election. His residence from 1830 to the year of his death, in 1842, was at or near Nantes, in France, and advices may have miscarried. At the October meeting in 1836 (see p. 57), the Corresponding Secretary read the following letter from him, written on the receipt of the first intelligence of his election. Mr. Quincy's memoir was printed in 3 Collections, IX. 2-41.

"L'ÉPERONNIÈRE, NEAR NANTES, FRANCE,
30th July, 1836.

"SIR, — I have only now been informed of the honor conferred on me by the Massachusetts Historical Society, in electing me one of its members. The Society's diploma, announced in your letter, has not yet reached my hands; but a friend of mine in London, to whom the parcel was confided, has examined and acquainted me with its valuable contents, and will take the earliest opportunity that may present itself of transmitting them to me.

"Pray convey to your colleagues in that learned body my gratified acceptance of this testimony of their approbation, and my respectful thanks for the association to which they have admitted me. Had I known this at an earlier period, I might have been enabled to grace my own name and the title-page of my late publication with the addition which you and your friends have given me a right to employ. But, though the sale of my work be very slow, and my health in a very broken condition, I may, perhaps, yet have the happiness to see that omission supplied in another edition.

"My warmest good wishes shall be for the continued usefulness and repute of the Massachusetts Historical Society; and, if I ever find an occasion of co-operating with its interesting designs, I shall gladly avail myself of it.

"I am, Sir, your very much obliged and faithful servant,

"J. GRAHAME.

"Dr. CHARLES LOWELL, Corresponding Secretary
of the Massachusetts Historical Society,
North America."

Eds.

Donations were communicated by the Librarian from Rev. James Freeman Clarke, American Philosophical Society, S. N. Dickinson, George A. Ward, J. Bingham, and Samuel Bradford, Esqrs., and Hon. James Savage.

MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1843.

Thursday, Jan. 26, 1843. The President in the chair.
The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Mr. Ebenezer Clapp, Hon. Daniel Webster, Hon. Levi Woodbury, the American Philosophical Society, and Rev. Dr. Palfrey.

Mr. SAVAGE, from the Committee on the subject, reported that the Committee had invited the Hon. John Quincy Adams to deliver the discourse at the Second Centennial Celebration of the Confederation of the New England Colonies, on the twenty-ninth day of May next, and that he had accepted the invitation.*

* The following correspondence is on file:—

“WASHINGTON, 4 Jan., 1843.

“Hon. JAMES SAVAGE, President of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and Chairman of their Committee, Boston.

“DEAR SIR,—I accept with some and not a little diffidence the honor bestowed on me by the invitation to deliver the discourse before the Society on the 29th of May next, in celebration of the second century completed since the first confederation of the four Colonies of New England. But, in collecting the materials for the narrative, I must rely almost entirely upon you. My reading upon that portion of our history has been slight,—confined chiefly to Hutchinson, and even that not fresh in my memory. I will be obliged to you first for a minute of the books where the sources of information are to be found, and of the manuscripts, if such there be, in the collections of the Soci-

Mr. GRAY, from the Publishing Committee, reported

ety, to be consulted. I shall scarcely begin to think about it till after the close of the session of Congress.

"I am, dear Sir, very respectfully your friend,

"JOHN QUINCY ADAMS."

"BOSTON, 31 March, 1843.

"Hon. J. Q. ADAMS, Washington.

"DEAR SIR, — Your welcome note of 4th January, expressing your acquiescence with the request of our Historical Society for the celebration on 29th May next, was duly communicated to the Society at the stated meeting next following. Having expected the pleasure of seeing you return speedily after the close of your arduous labors in the House of Representatives, I postponed any acknowledgment of your kindness till so favorable an opportunity might be enjoyed. But, in conversation with your son, whom I had not seen for two months before yesterday, he gave me the impression that you would remain at Washington until near the end of April; and my duty, therefore, requires me promptly to confess that, in my opinion, very little, if any, aid in your inquiries is attainable from sources beyond the common reach of students in our early history. Probably no letters of Commissioners are preserved, having any reference to their deliberations, except the venerable records of the Congress, of which each member of the league had a transcript. That of Massachusetts has disappeared, perhaps for a hundred years, but the Colony of Plymouth preserved their evidence of equal independence after the consolidation with us, and that copy was, I presume, the material of Hazard in the Historical Collections. Our venerable friend, the late Dr. Freeman, under a commission with one or two others, caused the copy of Hazard to be corrected by confrontation with the original, and the collated copy is lodged at our State House. It is hardly possible to conceive of any better commentary on the Act of Union than the contemporary transactions of the ministers of the contracting parties for over forty years.

"It can hardly be necessary to refresh your memory with the circumstances of occasional disagreement in the confederacy, of which one occasion, at least, was almost violent enough to threaten a dissolution of the Union. In Trumbull's 'History of Connecticut,' Vol. I., is expressed the sensibility that was excited by the obstinate resistance of Massachusetts to the action of the other members of the league in the prejudice or unholy zeal against the Dutch; and the 'North American Review' for December, 1818, has a temperate notice of the subject. My engagements have been too numerous, since I had the honor of your letter, to permit me to hunt over the field anew; but, I believe, Hutchinson has some remarks on the same topic, and in some one or more notes of my Winthrop I feel confident of having made animadversions on the doings of the Commissioners, in more than one instance. The unnecessary putting to death of Miantonimo, and refusal of admission of Rhode Island to the Union are recollected.

"With highest regard, I am, dear Sir, as ever, gratefully yours,

"JAMES SAVAGE."

Eds.

that Vol. VIII. of the third series of the Collections is published, and ready for delivery.*

Mr. F. C. GRAY and the Treasurer were appointed a committee to report whether the funds of the Society will authorize a reprint of Vol. X., second series, and Vol. I., third series, of the Collections now out of print.

At the same meeting, Mr. GRAY reported that the funds of the Society would authorize a reprint of Vol. X., second series. Whereupon,

Voted, That the same Committee be directed to contract for a reprint of that volume, to the number of two hundred and fifty copies, as soon as conveniently may be.

Present — The President, Bartlett, Codman, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Gibbs, F. C. Gray, Jenks, Lamson, Lowell, Mitchell, Pierce, Prescott, Ripley, Ticknor, White, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

* It was not until the publication of Vol. VIII. of the third series of Collections, in 1843, that the names of the Committee of Publication began to be printed uniformly in the volumes themselves. The preceding volumes, V. and VI., contained them (in the former they were appended to an advertisement), but they were omitted in the volume next following. The very singular reticence in this respect which marks the earlier volumes is shown somewhat in regard to the authorship of articles contributed by members. Occasionally the name of the author is given. Mr. Savage sometimes signed his articles with the Greek initial of his name. Dr. Freeman used the letters "r. s.," standing, probably, for Recording Secretary. But a large number of papers, written by members, for many years, had no name or initial to them. At the end of the tenth volume of each series is an excellent index to the contents of that series; also, a table of contents of each volume, and a table of authors. These tables refer to each other by means of cross references; but, after having learned the use of these lists, the information sought is often attended with a great waste of time and labor. Of several articles in the early volumes the authors are "unknown." — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Feb. 23, 1843. The President in the chair.

In the absence of the Secretary, Rev. ALEXANDER YOUNG was appointed Recording Secretary *pro tempore*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Rev. Samuel H. Riddell, Hon. Levi Woodbury, and the American Philosophical Society.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Rev. Joseph Hunter, of London, Assistant Keeper of the Public Records, accepting his appointment as a Corresponding Member of the Society; and it was

Voted, That the last volume of the Society's Collections be sent to him.

Mr. F. C. GRAY, from the Committee on Lectures, delivered the last year, made a statement concerning the money received from the same. On his motion, it was

Voted, That the expense of printing Vol. VIII., third series, and of reprinting Vol. X., second series, be paid out of the proceeds of the last course of lectures given before the Society.

Mr. TICKNOR, from the Committee appointed in December last, reported the following Resolutions, which were adopted:—

Voted, That the notices of meetings of this Society in the newspapers be discontinued, but that the Secretary continue, as heretofore, to send by mail notice of each meeting to members living in Boston and the neighborhood, and to such other members as may specially request him so to do.

Voted, That a copy of the preceding vote be sent by the Secretary to each member who has not heretofore been notified by mail, that he may, if he sees fit to request it, be so notified hereafter.

The President proposed as Honorary Members the Rev. George Oliver, of Exeter, England, and the Rev. Philip Bliss, LL.D., Registrar of the University of Oxford.

The President read a letter from Mr. George Sumner respecting a memoir which he had prepared about the residence of the Pilgrim Fathers in Holland, previous to their coming to Plymouth; and it was

Voted, That the President be requested to procure said memoir for the Society.

Voted, That the Treasurer adjust, liquidate, and pay, after due inquiry, the service of the painter in the entry a year ago.

Voted, That the Georgia Historical Society be added to the list of societies to which our Collections are presented.

Present — The President, Appleton, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Ellis, Felt, Gibbs, F. C. Gray, Hoar, Lowell, Mitchell, Pierce, Ticknor, and White.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, March 30, 1843. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Deacon Nathaniel Willis, Ebenezer Clapp, Jr., the New York Historical Society, Alden Bradford, Esq., Executors of Thomas Wallcut, and N. G. Snelling, Esq.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from the American Philosophical Society, acknowledging the receipt of Vol. VIII., third series, of our Collections.

The President communicated from Mr. George Sumner his memoir of the residence of the Pilgrim Fathers in Holland.*

Voted, That the President communicate to Mr. Sumner the thanks of the Society for his acceptable donation.

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary be requested to invite, in the name of the Massachusetts Historical Society, the following societies and institutions to join with our Society in the Second Centennial Celebration of the Confederation of the New England Colonies, on the twenty-ninth day of May next, when a discourse will be delivered by the Hon. John Quincy Adams; viz., The American Philosophical Society at Philadelphia, the Historical Societies of Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Washington City, Virginia, Quebec, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Antiquarian Society, the President, &c., of Harvard University, and the Georgia Historical Society.

On motion of Mr. TICKNOR,

Voted, That two copies of Vol. VIII., third series, of our Collections be presented to Colonel Aspinwall, American Consul-General in London; also, six copies be forwarded to Hon. Edward Everett, the American Minister Plenipotentiary at London, to be distributed by him in such manner as in his opinion may be most for the interests of the Society.

Voted, That Hon. F. C. Gray stand charged with carrying this vote into effect.

Judge WHITE and Mr. TICKNOR, from the Committee appointed to nominate a Publishing Committee to prepare Vol. IX., third series, reported the names of

* Printed in 3 Collections, IX. 42. — Eds.

Francis C. Gray, R. C. Winthrop, Rev. Dr. Lamson, and C. F. Adams. Whereupon,

Voted, That they be a committee to publish said volume.

Mr. Ticknor nominated Archibald Alison, F.R.S.E., of Scotland, for Corresponding Member.

Rev. GEORGE OLIVER and PHILIP BLISS, LL.D., were elected Corresponding Members.

Voted, That Mr. Young and Judge Davis have permission to take from the Library the memoir presented by Mr. Sumner at the present meeting; to be carefully returned by them to the Librarian.

Present — The President, C. F. Adams, Appleton, Codman, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Gibbs, J. C. Gray, Lamson, Pierce, Tucker, White, Willard, Winthrop, Worcester, and Young.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1843.

Thursday, April 27, 1843. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Francis Bowen, Theron Metcalf, David Sears, William B. Rally, and George Livermore, Esqrs., Dr. Edward Jarvis, the Quebec Historical Society, the American Philosophical Society, and Dr. Usher Adams.

The Librarian communicated an acknowledgment by Harvard University of the receipt of Vol. VIII., third series.

Also, a communication from the National Institute at Washington, inviting the presence of our Society at a meeting of the Institute and other learned bodies, on the first Monday in April, 1844.

Also, a communication from the Old South Society of the following vote, viz. : —

“ BOSTON, Fast Day, April 6, 1843. At the annual meeting of the Old South Society, held this afternoon, it was unanimously

“ *Resolved*, That the Deacons be requested to ascertain what will be the cost of a catalogue for the Library, and report hereafter.

“ *Resolved*, That the Deacons be requested to ascertain from time to time, in such way as they deem proper, the safety of both portions of the Library, and that they regulate its use by other persons than the pastor, as they shall think will best subserve the purposes of the venerated founder.

“ A true copy. Attest. JONATHAN FRENCH, *Clerk*.

“ At the meeting held as above, it was

“ *Voted*, That the Massachusetts Historical Society be furnished with the above Resolutions.

“ Attest. JONATHAN FRENCH, *Clerk*.”

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Richard Almack, Esq., of England, accepting his election as Corresponding Member.

ARCHIBALD ALISON, F.R.S.E., of Scotland, was elected a Corresponding Member, — Messrs. GIBBS and AUSTIN, Scrutinizing Committee.

The meeting then proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year, — Messrs. GARDNER and HOAR, Scrutinizing Committee, who reported the following gentlemen to be duly elected, viz. : —

JAMES SAVAGE.	PRESIDENT.
JOSEPH WILLARD.	RECORDING SECRETARY.
CHARLES LOWELL	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
NAHUM MITCHELL	TREASURER.
JOSEPH B. FELT	LIBRARIAN.
ISAAC P. DAVIS	CABINET-KEEPER.
FRANCIS C. GRAY	} STANDING COMMITTEE.
CONVERS FRANCIS	
ALEXANDER YOUNG	
GEORGE TICKNOR	
JOSEPH WILLARD	

Voted, That Mr. I. P. Davis be a committee to engage the services of Judge Mitchell in the Library, on the same terms as were made with the late Mr. Snelling.*

Present — The President, Appleton, Austin, Codman, I. P. Davis, Felt, Gardner, Gibbs, Hoar, Jenks, Lamson, Lowell, Pierce, Willard, and Young.

JOSEPH WILLARD,
Recording Secretary.

• MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, May 25, 1843. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Commonwealth, the American Philosophical Society, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Rev. William P. Lunt, and Alden Bradford, Esq.

A communication was received from the American Philosophical Society, inviting this Society to attend, on

* Mr. John W. Snelling, who had been employed as an assistant in the Library, was brother to Mr. N. G. Snelling, one of the members. — EDS.

the 25th instant, the celebration of the hundredth anniversary of its organization in Philadelphia. Whereupon,

Voted, That this Society express to the American Philosophical Society its regret that the invitation was not received in season to enable this Society to accept the same, and to be present at the celebration.

Voted, That the members of the Society, past and present, assemble with the invited Societies at this place, on Monday next, at ten and a half o'clock A.M., and thence proceed to the First Church, where the services will commence at eleven o'clock punctually.

Mr. I. P. DAVIS communicated a donation by John B. Trott, of a map of China, by a Chinese. Whereupon, it was

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to Mr. Trott for his valuable donation.

Messrs. TICKNOR and WINTHROP were appointed a committee to examine and audit the Treasurer's accounts for the last year.

Voted, That Vol. X., second series, be sold for one dollar and fifty cents.

Voted, That the Librarian cause to be prepared a supply of lithographic impressions of letters acknowledging donations.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated letters of acceptance to attend the celebration of the first confederation of the New England Colonies, on the 29th instant, from the Historical Societies of New York, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Georgia; also, from the American Antiquarian Society; also, a letter of regret from the Quebec Historical Society, in not being able to attend.

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts made the following report, viz. : —

The undersigned, a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society appointed to examine the accounts of their Treasurer, Nahum Mitchell, for the past year, having this day performed that service, report that the accounts are well kept, properly vouched, and correctly cast, and that there appears to be a balance due to the Society of one hundred and ten dollars and fifty-six cents.*

GEO. TICKNOR,
ROBT. C. WINTHROP, } *Committee.*

Boston, May 25, 1843.

Voted, That when this meeting is adjourned, it be adjourned to this place, at half-past ten o'clock A.M., on the 29th instant.

Present — The President, C. F. Adams, J. Q. Adams, Appleton, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Ellis, Felt, Francis, Gibbs, F. C. Gray, Jenks, Lowell, Lunt, Mitchell, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Ticknor, White, Willard, Winthrop, Worcester, and Young.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

Monday, May 29, 1843. Met pursuant to adjournment, — the President in the chair.

Voted, To dispense with the reading of the record of the last meeting.

* The total amount of receipts was \$368.50, of which sum \$224 were for the fourth note given on account of the purchase of the Society's interest in the Franklin Place estate; \$28.62 for sales of publications; \$3.88, amount of interest overpaid to Mrs. Phillips; and \$112 for admission fees and assessments. The payments amounted to \$234.96. Of this sum \$22.58 were for taxes; \$41.26 for interest to Mrs. Phillips; and \$171.13 for miscellaneous expenses, including the compensation to the Assistant Librarian. — Eds.

Voted, To adjourn to meet at the house of the President, in Temple Place, this evening, at eight o'clock.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

Monday, May 29, 1843, 8 P.M. Met, pursuant to adjournment, at the house of the President.

On motion of Mr. F. C. GRAY, seconded by Mr. TICKNOR, it was

Voted, That the thanks of this Society be presented to the Hon. John Quincy Adams, for the learned, interesting, and eloquent discourse delivered by him this day, at their request, in commemoration of the first confederation of the New England Colonies, in the year 1643; and that a copy be requested for the press.†

* In his Diary, under this date, Mr. Adams records: "President Quincy took me in his barouche to the chambers of the Historical Society, where a meeting well attended was held. The President, James Savage, moved that the meeting should adjourn to his house, at eight o'clock this evening, and gave a general invitation to all the members present to attend there. A procession was then formed, in which I walked with President Savage to the First Church, in Chauncy Place, where I delivered the address to the Massachusetts Historical Society, in celebration of the Second Centennial Anniversary of the New England Colonial Confederacy of 1643. The performances began precisely at eleven o'clock, with an appropriate prayer by Dr. Frothingham, the minister of the church. Then Psalm cvii. of the New England version of 1640 was sung. I then delivered my address, beginning at twenty minutes past eleven and closing at five minutes past one, one hour and three-quarters, omitting about one-eighth of what I had written. It was very well received, and there was no manifestation of what I most dreaded, — a sense of weariness on the part of the auditory. The attention was general and unremitting to the last. The house was well filled, but not crowded; excepting the members of the Society, about as many women as men. After the address, Psalm xlv. of the New England version was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Frothingham. Mr. William Beach Lawrence, Mr. John Jay, and several other gentlemen were introduced to me as delegates from the Historical Societies of New York, Connecticut, and Maine." (*Memoirs of John Quincy Adams*, Vol. X. pp. 378, 379.) Mr. Adams's address is in 3 Collections, Vol. IX. pp. 189-223. — *Ens.*

† "See Dr. Lowell's letter, on file, as to societies, &c., represented at the celebration." *Marginal note of the Secretary.* — *Ens.*

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, June 29, 1843. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Rev. Samuel H. Riddel, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the New York Historical Society, John Jay, Esq., the Department of State of the United States, Dr. Edward Jarvis, Hon. J. C. Spencer, Mr. Goddard, of Providence, Edward Dorr, Esq., Hon. J. Q. Adams, and John B. Trott, Esq.

On motion of Rev. Dr. LOWELL,

Voted, That the thanks of this Society be presented to the First Congregational Society for the use of their church on the late centennial celebration of the first Confederation of the New England Colonies; also to their pastor, Rev. Dr. Frothingham, and the choir of the church, for their highly acceptable services on the occasion.

The President read a letter from Mr. Edward Dorr, communicating a donation of seven volumes of ancient and rare works on the history and conquest of several countries of South America.

The President also read a letter from Hon. John Quincy Adams, complying with the request of the Society to furnish a copy of his Discourse for the press.*

* The following letter, on file, gives a list of the delegates who assembled to listen to Mr. Adams's Discourse :—

“ BOSTON, June 2, 1843.

“ DEAR SIR, — From New Hampshire the delegates were Hon. Joel Parker, Rev. Nathaniel Bouton, Rev. E. E. Cummings, Rev. Moses G. Thomas, Samuel E. Coues, Esq., Rev. P. S. Ten Broeck, and Hon. C. H. Atherton. From the American Antiquarian Society, — Judge Story, Hon. Levi Lincoln, Benjamin Russell, Esq., Emory Washburn, Esq., James Merrill, Esq., Samuel M. Burnside, Esq., S. F. Haven, Esq., and Rev. Alonzo Hill. New York Historical Society, — William

Present — The President, J. Q. Adams, C. F. Adams, Codman, I. P. Davis, Felt, Jenks, Lamson, Lowell, Mitchell, Willard, and Young.

Beach Lawrence, Esq., Rev. Dr. Mason, John Jay, Esq., Hon. Willis Hall, Mr. John R. Bartlett, William W. Campbell, Esq., Mr. William S. Wetmore, Mr. F. Catherwood. From the Georgia Historical Society, — Rev. Alexander Young. The Rhode Island Historical Society voted to be represented by such members as might find it convenient to attend. The Connecticut Society was represented, but I do not find the names of the delegates in the official letter, though I have an impression that I have somewhere seen them. The Quebec Literary and Historical Society returned thanks for the invitation, and regretted that they could not be represented on the occasion. The American Academy accepted the invitation; delegates not named. No other answers were received.

"I am, dear Sir, very truly your friend,

"CHARLES LOWELL.

"JOSEPH WILLARD, Esq., Boston."

The following was the response of the venerable John Howland, President of the Rhode Island Historical Society, to the invitation in behalf of that Society:—

"PROVIDENCE, May 16, 1843.

"SIR, — Your letter of April 10 was duly received and laid before the Board of Trustees of the Rhode Island Historical Society, and I have to express to you their thanks for the invitation of the Historical Society of Massachusetts to attend the celebration of the Second Centennial Anniversary of the Confederation of the New England Colonies. Although the Colony of Rhode Island was excluded from the privilege of being a member of that confederation, and was left to defend herself against the Indian tribes within her limits, yet, as old things are passed away, we rejoice that better feelings now exist, and as the union and friendship of all the New England States is essential to their progress and happiness, we hope it may increase and be perpetual.

"Without the form of a special delegation, we shall request as many of our Historical Society as can conveniently attend to participate in the pleasure of the celebration.

"With great respect and regard,

"JOHN HOWLAND,

President, Rhode Island Historical Society.

"Rev. Dr. LOWELL,

Secretary of the Massachusetts Historical Society,
Boston."

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, July 27, 1843. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from the Quebec Historical Society, acknowledging the receipt of the last volume of this Society's Collections.

Donations were communicated from Charles Bowen, Esq., of Boston, Joseph E. Bulkley, Esq., of New York, and Rev. Joseph Hunter, of the city of London.

Present — The President, J. Davis, Gibbs, J. C. Gray, Hoar, Lowell, Mitchell, Willard, Winthrop, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Tuesday, Aug. 22, 1843. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Charles F. Adams, Esq., Professor Greenleaf, and William S. Stoddard, Esq.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter of acceptance from Rev. Philip Bliss, Registrar of the University of Oxford, chosen at the last March meeting; also, a letter from Professor Packard, in behalf of the Maine Historical Society, acknowledging the receipt of the last volume of this Society's Collections.

Voted, That Rev. Dr. Codman be requested to prepare a memoir of our late associate, Rev. Dr. Homer *

A communication was received from Professor Caleb Mills, agent of Wabash College, Indiana, requesting, in behalf of the College, a copy of our Collections.

Voted, That the subject be referred to the Standing Committee.†

Present — The President, J. Q. Adams, Bancroft, J. Davis, Felt, Gibbs, Lowell, Mitchell, Palfrey, Ripley, Willard, and Winthrop.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Sept. 28, 1843. The President in the chair.
The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Count Gräberg de Hemsö, Dr. Holmes, Rev. Dr. Brazer, Rev. Dr. Codman, and the Georgia Historical Society.

Voted, That the Librarian and Mr. F. C. Gray be a committee to ask for a return from the Boston Athenæum of the two volumes of the Prince Collections, deposited with this Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from George A. Ward, Esq., of New York, accepting his election as Corresponding Member.

* Rev. Jonathan Homer, D.D., elected in April, 1799, died Aug. 11, 1843. Dr. Codman failed to perform the duty assigned to him. A memoir of Dr. Homer by the Rev. H. M. Dexter, D.D., will be found in this volume, on pp. 275-278. — EDS.

† Rev. F. W. P. Greenwood, D.D., chosen a member in April, 1825, died Aug. 2, 1843. A memoir of him by Mr. C. C. Smith will be found in this volume, on pp. 272-275. — EDS.

The Standing Committee nominated George S. Hildard, Esq., Rev. Nathaniel L. Frothingham, D.D., and Oliver William B. Peabody, Esq., to fill the vacancies occasioned by the death of Rev. Drs. Homer, Greenwood, and Ware.*

Voted, That the Recording Secretary be requested to call on Mr. J. C. Merrill, Chairman of the Committee for preparing the index to the third series of the Collections, and ascertain what progress the Committee have made in the work, and report to the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a bill of charges preferred against the Society by the agents of the Danish Society of Northern Antiquaries, for some of their publications, charged as subscribed for by this Society. Whereupon, it was

Voted, That the Recording Secretary be a committee to inquire into the matter, and ascertain who is liable to pay the bill; and that, if the Society is liable, then to authorize the Treasurer to make payment, and the Secretary to give notice to the agents, Messrs. A. & C. Cunningham, in order to stop any liability in future.

Present — The President, Bancroft, J. Davis, Felt, Hoar, Jenks, Lamson, Lowell, Lunt, Mitchell, Pierce, Ticknor, White, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

* Rev. Henry Ware, Jr., D.D., chosen a member in January, 1822, died Sept. 22, 1843. A memoir of him by Mr. C. C. Smith will be found in this volume, on pp. 278-282. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Oct. 26, 1843. The President in the chair.
The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. T. R. Marvin, F. M. Hubbard, Robert C. Winthrop, the American Philosophical Society, the Department of State for the United States, Professor Sparks, and Judge Davis.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be specially presented to M. Pedro d' Angelis, of Buenos Ayres, for the valuable donation of a copy of the "History of La Plata," in six large volumes, made by him, as announced at a former meeting of the Society (April, 1841).

GEORGE S. HILLARD, Esq., Rev. NATHANIEL L. FROTHINGHAM, D.D., and OLIVER W. B. PEABODY, Esq., were chosen Resident Members, *vice* Rev. Drs. Homer, Greenwood, and Ware, deceased.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be requested to nominate a Chairman of the Committee to prepare the index to the third series of the Collections,—Messrs. J. C. Merrill and Gibbs being now the only remaining members.

The Librarian and Recording Secretary not being prepared to report upon the subjects committed to them respectively at the last meeting, the same are postponed to the next meeting.

The Standing Committee, to whom was referred the request made by Professor Caleb Mills, in behalf of Wabash College, Indiana, reported that "they have found, on examination, that it is not in the power of the Society, and for several years will not be, to com-

ply with the request, because there is not belonging to the Society a single copy of Vol. I. of the third series, and that there are so very few copies (from five to thirty) of several other volumes that must be reserved for sale." Which report having been read by the President, it was

Voted, To accept the same.

Rev. Mr. SEWALL presented to the Society a map of the Province of Maine, published in 1754, which formerly belonged to his father, the late Chief Justice Sewall, of the Supreme Court of this Commonwealth. And it was thereupon

Voted, To tender the thanks of the Society to the donor for this acceptable gift.

The Standing Committee nominated the Hon. William Minot for Resident Member, *vice* William Lincoln, Esq., deceased.*

The President communicated a copy of a letter written by Roger Williams to Governor Winthrop, the original of which was presented to the Society by Charles Folsom, Esq., and the same was referred to the Publishing Committee.

Voted, As the time for the next meeting falls on Thanksgiving Day, that the meeting be held on the 23d proximo.

Present — The President, Adams, Appleton, Bartlett, Codman, J. Davis, Felt, Gardner, F. C. Gray, J. C. Gray, Lamson, Mitchell, Pierce, Ripley, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

* William Lincoln, Esq., elected in January, 1832, died Oct. 5, 1843. A memoir of him by Joseph Willard, Esq., is in 3 Collections, X. 225-235. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Nov. 23, 1843. The President in the chair.
The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the American Antiquarian Society, Rev. Chandler Robbins, Theron Metcalf, Esq., Mr. George Livermore, Professor Cogswell, Messrs. Appleton of New York, Job R. Tyson, Esq., George W. Gordon, Esq., and the Editor of the "Hartford Daily Courant."

The Corresponding Secretary communicated letters of acceptance from Messrs. Frothingham, Hillard, and Peabody.

Mr. F. C. GRAY, from the Committee on Lectures of 1841, reported an account of receipts, &c., which was referred to the Treasurer to audit and settle.

WILLIAM MINOT, Esq., was elected Resident Member, *vice* Mr. Lincoln, deceased.

Mr. GRAY, from the Committee to ask a return from the Boston Athenæum of the two volumes of the Prince Collections deposited with this Society, reported that he had obtained the same, to be restored to the Library.

Mr. WILLARD, from the Committee on the subject, reported that the Society is under no liability whatsoever to pay the bill presented by the agents of the Danish Society of Northern Antiquaries.

Present — The President, Felt, Frothingham, Gardner, F. C. Gray, Hillard, Jenks, Lowell, Mitchell, Palfrey, Peabody, Quincy, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Dec. 28, 1843. The President in the chair.
The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Horatio G. Somerby, Esq., Mr. Melvin Lord, Hon. Levi Woodbury, Mr. Ebenezer Clapp, Jr., Mr. Stevens, of Vermont, and Mr. Samuel Breck, of Philadelphia.

The Standing Committee nominated Mr. Peabody as Chairman of the Committee to prepare the index to the third series of our Collections. Whereupon,

Voted, To confirm this nomination.

Mr. PEABODY signified his acceptance thereof.

Peleg W. Chandler, Esq., was nominated by the Standing Committee as a Resident Member, *vice* Samuel P. Gardner, deceased.*

Present—The President, C. F. Adams, Appleton, Codman, Ellis, Felt, Frothingham, F. C. Gray, Lowell, Peabody, Pierce, White, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1844.

Thursday, Jan. 25, 1844. The President in the chair.
The record of the last meeting was read.
The Librarian communicated donations from Hon.

* Mr. S. P. Gardner, elected in August, 1824, died Dec. 18, 1843. See note on p. 264. — Eds.

Robert C. Winthrop, Hon. John C. Gray, Mr. Francis Bowen, and Rev. Dr. Francis.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter of acceptance from Hon. William Minot.

The President communicated a letter of resignation of membership from Alonzo Lewis, Esq.

On motion of Rev. Dr. LOWELL,

Voted, That Messrs. J. Davis, Lowell, and Young be a committee to consider whether any further measures can be adopted to render the meetings of this Society more interesting and useful.

Also, *voted*, That the President be added to the Committee.

PELEG W. CHANDLER was chosen Resident Member, *vice* Samuel P. Gardner, Esq., deceased.

The Standing Committee nominated Rev. George W. Blagden for Resident Member, *vice* Alonzo Lewis, Esq., resigned.

Voted, That Hon. John C. Gray be requested to prepare a memoir of the late Samuel P. Gardner, Esq.,* and Joseph Willard, Esq., to prepare a memoir of the late William Lincoln, Esq.†

Present — The President, Bartlett, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Frothingham, Lowell, Minot, Peabody, Pierce, Quincy, Ticknor, White, Willard, and Young.

* Mr. Gray having been excused from the preparation of this memoir, a notice of Mr. Gardner has been prepared by Mr. R. C. Winthrop, Jr., and will be found in this volume, on pp. 282, 283. — Eds.

† See *ante*, p. 261, note. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Feb. 29, 1844. The President in the chair.
The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Robert C. Winthrop, Nathaniel Willis, William H. Prescott, Rev. Daniel Sharp, Rev. Chandler Robbins, Messrs. Appleton, of New York, William Brigham, Dr. Jarvis, Richard Almack, Esq., and a copy of the "Savannah Daily Republican," of Feb. 13, 1844, containing an account of the fifth anniversary of the Georgia Historical Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter of acceptance from Peleg W. Chandler, Esq.

The President, from the Committee appointed to consider whether any further measures can be adopted to render the meetings of this Society more interesting and useful, made a report; and, after some discussion,

On motion of Judge DAVIS,

Voted, That the further consideration of the subject be postponed to the next meeting; and that, meantime, the Recording Secretary cause the report to be printed and sent to the members of the Society, in order that they may then be prepared to act thereupon.*

On motion of Mr. BANCROFT,

Voted, That the Society gratefully accept as a donation from Benjamin Franklin French, Esq., of New Orleans, "Darby's Geographical Description of the State of Louisiana, the southern part of the State of Mississippi, and Territory of Alabama," accompanied with a

* This report was accordingly printed on a letter sheet, a copy of which is on file. — Eds.

large map of the city of New Orleans; and that they present their thanks to Mr. French for his valuable donation.

The President presented from Mr. Joshua Coffin a letter, without subscription, directed to the first Judge Sewall, relating to Dr. Cotton Mather, and the same was referred to the President to report thereupon.

REV. GEORGE W. BLAGDEN was chosen Resident Member, *vice* Alonzo Lewis, Esq., resigned, — Messrs. F. C. GRAY and LUNT, Scrutinizing Committee.

Present — The President, Bancroft, Codman, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Frothingham, F. C. Gray, Lowell, Lunt, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, White, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, March 28, 1844. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Dr. Edward Jarvis, Rev. Baron Stow, Hon. Joseph R. Ingersoll, the Legislature of Massachusetts, Hon. Josiah Adams, J. Wingate Thornton, Esq., and Hon. James Savage.

A communication having been received from the National Institute at the city of Washington, inviting the Massachusetts Historical Society to attend at the first annual meeting of the Institute, to be held at the city of Washington, on the first Monday of April next, it was

Voted, that Hon. John Q. Adams, Hon. Rufus Choate, and Hon. Robert C. Winthrop be requested to attend at the meeting in behalf of the Society.

The President communicated from Richard Almack, Esq., a donation of a copy of the names of the New Jersey Company, 1693 ; also, a copy of William Penn's Charter of Liberties for Pennsylvania, with *fac-similes* of his name and the several witnesses, 1682.*

The report of the Committee on the subject of considering whether any further measures can be adopted to render our meetings more useful, which report was at the last meeting postponed to the present meeting, was, on motion, further postponed to the April meeting ; and, meanwhile, was ordered to be recommitted to the same Committee.

Messrs. F. C. GRAY and PEABODY were appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts for the year ending April, 1844.

The President communicated from Dr. Lowell a suggestion as to the expediency of celebrating the termination of the first half-century of the incorporation of the Society. Whereupon,

Voted, To refer the subject to Messrs. Davis, Lowell, and Palfrey, to report at the next meeting.

Judge Davis having been excused at his own request, the President was appointed in his place.

* This charter is dated April 25, 1682, and is printed in Proud's History of Pennsylvania, Vol. II., Appendix, pp. 8-15, but without the attesting witnesses. This transcript was made by Mr. Almack, from the original document belonging then to "William Dalton, Esq., Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk." Subsequently Mr. Almack himself became the owner of the interesting parchment, and he took pleasure in showing it to the writer, as such, at his house at Long Melford, co. Suffolk, England, in the autumn of 1866. — Eds.

Present — The President, J. Davis, Felt, Frothingham, F. C. Gray, Lamson, Mitchell, Palfrey, Peabody, White, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1844.

Thursday, April 25, 1844. The President in the chair. The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the President, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Major J. D. Graham, Messrs. T. R. Marvin, Richard Almack, and Francis Bowen.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from the Maryland Historical Society, announcing their establishment as a society, and proposing an exchange of the publications of the respective Societies. Whereupon,

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary be requested to answer the letter, and that this Society will agree to the proposed exchange, beginning with the next volume of the Collections.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter of acceptance of membership from Rev. George W. Blagden, elected at the last March meeting.

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts made the following report, viz.: —

The undersigned, a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society appointed to examine the accounts of their Treasurer, Nahum Mitchell, for the past year, having this day performed that service, report that the accounts are well

kept, properly vouched, and correctly cast, and that there appears to be a balance due to the Society of three hundred and six dollars and sixty-four cents.*

F. C. GRAY,
O. W. B. PEABODY, } *Committee.*

Boston, April 25, 1844.

Mr. SAVAGE, from the Committee on the subject of rendering the meetings more interesting, reported the Rules as taken into a new draft, which, being read and considered, were adopted, and are as follows, viz. : —

1. At each meeting the reading of the record of the prior meeting, if a quorum be present, shall begin in five minutes after the time mentioned in the notification.

2. Immediately after the reading of the record and the Librarian's statement, and the transaction of the ordinary business, any member may propose, in writing, any question, or offer any suggestion pertinent to the history of the country, or any part of it, from its discovery, or having relation to the objects of the Society; and the Recording Secretary shall make record of such question, on which any member may make remarks, or answer in part or in full, at the same or any subsequent meeting.

3. After such communications, if the time of the meeting shall permit, the Society will willingly receive any books or manuscripts which members may offer* for inspection, or as donations to the Society, with any accompanying explanations or remarks, with leave to read the whole or any part of said manuscripts, as may be required; but, as there may not be

* The receipts amounted to \$385.69, and included \$232 for the fifth note on account of Franklin Place estate; \$25.96, balance of lecture money; \$10.73 for sales of publications; and \$117 for admission fees and assessments. The payments amounted to \$189. Of this sum \$41.85 were for taxes; \$48.74 to Freeman and Bolles for printing; \$65.14 for opening the rooms for thirty-two weeks and four days; and \$33.27 for miscellaneous expenses. — Eds.

time for discussion, it will be expected that the information and questions in both these rules referred to be given in writing, on letter paper, and not less than a half-sheet, to be delivered to the Recording Secretary, by him to be preserved, regularly filed, indorsed, and produced at each subsequent meeting, together with any remarks thereon, or replies, which may be offered by other members. Such communications may be withdrawn by their respective writers in six months from their several dates.

For the convenient and orderly accomplishment of what is herein provided, the Society shall be arranged in three divisions: No. 1, containing the names beginning with letters A to F inclusive; No. 2, from letters G to P inclusive; and No. 3, from Q to the end of the alphabet, — and the Recording Secretary shall, at the time assigned, announce to one of the several sections, in their numerical order, the readiness of the Society to receive, at the next following meeting, communications from their respective members.*

The Publishing Committee were directed to cause a second edition of Vol. I., third series, of the Society's Collections to be printed.

Messrs. F. C. GRAY, C. F. ADAMS, and FELT were appointed a committee to consider the subject of extending the accommodations for the Library, and to report a plan. .

The President communicated a letter in behalf of Ichabod Tucker, Esq., of Salem, resigning his place as a member of the Society.

The Standing Committee nominated Rev. Lucius R. Paige, of Cambridge, for Resident Member, *vice* Ichabod Tucker, Esq., resigned.

* These Rules, in a modified form, were incorporated into the code of By-Laws adopted at the February meeting, 1853. — Eds.

Judge Davis nominated J. D. Graham, Major, United States Army, Corps of Engineers, for Honorary Member.

The meeting then proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year, — Messrs. C. F. ADAMS and HILLARD, Scrutinizing Committee, who reported the following gentlemen to be duly elected, viz. : —

JAMES SAVAGE	PRESIDENT.
JOSEPH WILLARD	RECORDING SECRETARY.
CHARLES LOWELL	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
NAHUM MITCHELL	TREASURER.
JOSEPH B. FELT	LIBRARIAN.
ISAAC P. DAVIS	CABINET-KEEPER.
FRANCIS C. GRAY	} STANDING COMMITTEE.
CONVERS FRANCIS	
ALEXANDER YOUNG	
GEORGE TICKNOR	
JOSEPH WILLARD	

Messrs. SPARKS, F. C. GRAY, and C. F. ADAMS were appointed a committee to consider and report upon the communication made by Mr. Sparks through Mr. Gray, of the expediency of obtaining copies from the French archives relative to the designs of the French Government upon the New England Colonies.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Major J. D. Graham, United States Army, Corps of Engineers, for his acceptable donation of charts, made at the present meeting of the Society.

The Committee on the subject of a half-century celebration not being ready to report, the matter was postponed to the May meeting.

Present — The President, C. F. Adams, Blagden, Chandler, J. Davis, Felt, Frothingham, F. C. Gray,

Hillard, Hoar, Lowell, Mitchell, Peabody, Pierce, Ripley, Ticknor, White, and Willard.

JOSEPH WILLARD,
Recording Secretary.

[Five Resident Members died since the last annual meeting; viz., the Rev. F. W. P. Greenwood, D.D., the Rev. Jonathan Homer, D.D., the Rev. Henry Ware, Jr., D.D., William Lincoln, Esq., and S. P. Gardner, Esq. Of these, a memoir of Mr. Lincoln only has appeared in the Society's volumes. Memoirs of the others here follow. — Eds.]

Notice of Rev. F. W. P. Greenwood, D.D.

Francis William Pitt Greenwood was the oldest son of Dr. William Pitt and Mary (Langdon) Greenwood, and was born in Boston Feb. 5, 1797. After enjoying the best advantages for preparatory study which his native town then afforded, he entered Harvard College in 1810, and was graduated with a respectable rank in 1814. Among his classmates were the historian Prescott, President Walker, and the Rev. Dr. Alvan Lamson. Immediately on the completion of his undergraduate course, he began the study of theology at Cambridge under the direction of the Rev. Dr. Henry Ware, Hollis Professor of Divinity. Before he was twenty-one, he was invited to preach in the Boston pulpits; and it is said by more than one of his contemporaries that his earliest sermons made a very deep and unusual impression. To understand all that is implied in this praise, it should be remembered that Buckminster had been dead only five years, and that Channing was in the full vigor of his powers, when Greenwood first entered the pulpit.

On the death of Rev. Samuel C. Thacher, he was invited to become the successor of that brilliant and promising young man as minister of the New South Church, and he was ordained in October, 1818. He entered at once on his congenial labors, and every indication pointed to a successful ministry. But in little more than a year his health failed, and an attack of bleeding from the lungs showed only too clearly the nature of the danger to be apprehended. His friends and physicians advised him to try a voyage to Europe; and he accordingly spent the winter of 1820-21 in the south of England, as he was too weak to go to Italy. While abroad, he had other attacks of hemorrhage, and feeling that his usefulness was ended he wrote home resigning his pastoral office. His resignation was accepted, and the connection from which much had been hoped was dissolved in June, 1821.

In the following autumn he returned to the United States; and the greater part of the next two or three years was spent in Baltimore, in the hope that his health might be benefited by a prolonged residence in a mild climate. While there he preached occasionally, and with much acceptance, in the pulpit of the Unitarian Society then under the pastoral care of the Rev. Jared Sparks, afterward President of Harvard College. In May, 1824, he was married to Maria, youngest daughter of Dr. Lyde Goodwin, of Baltimore; and having decided to return to Boston, he was installed as junior minister of King's Chapel in the following August. At that time the society was small, but such were the reputation and popularity of the new minister that all the vacant pews were soon taken, and the whole period of his ministry was marked by unbroken harmony in the parish. At the beginning of 1827, the Rev. Dr. Freeman, who had had the sole or principal charge of the parish for upward of forty years, was compelled by the infirmities of age to retire from active labors, and the whole duty of supplying the pulpit services devolved on Mr. Greenwood. For the next fifteen years he was vir-

tually the sole minister, discharging the various and exacting duties of his position with signal ability and success, beside taking an active part in many other fields of labor and usefulness.

In April, 1825, he was elected a member of the Historical Society; and to the fifth volume of the third series of Collections he contributed a memoir of the Rev. Dr. Freeman, one of the original members of the Society. In 1826, he preached the Artillery Election Sermon, taking as his subject the "Character of the Puritans"; and the next year he prepared and published a new edition of the "Chapel Liturgy." This was followed in 1828 by the "Lives of the Apostles"; in 1830, by a Collection of Hymns, long and widely used in the Unitarian churches; in 1833, by the "History of King's Chapel"; in 1841, by a volume of "Sermons to Children"; and in 1842, by a volume of "Sermons of Consolation," which passed through several editions. Besides these, he printed numerous occasional sermons; and after his death two volumes of Sermons were selected from his manuscripts, and published, with a memoir by his friend and parishioner, the Hon. Samuel A. Eliot. A volume of selections from his miscellaneous essays was also published by his son in 1846. To the "North American Review" and other periodicals, he was a frequent contributor; he edited three volumes of the "Unitarian Miscellany"; and for about six years he was associated with the Rev. Dr. Walker as one of the editors of the "Christian Examiner," to which journal he contributed upward of fifty articles. He was also one of the first members of the Boston Society of Natural History, and a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 1839, he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Harvard College.

Such an amount of intellectual activity added to the care of a parish would have been a heavy strain on a thoroughly sound man; and it is not surprising that he should have

suffered several times from renewed attacks of hemorrhage. In 1837, he was again compelled to relinquish his labors temporarily, and the spring of that year was spent in the island of Cuba. On his return, he resumed the care of his parish; but in the last week of May, 1842, after preaching at Salem, he had another attack of bleeding from the lungs which greatly reduced him. He never afterward spoke in public. He died on the 2d of August, 1843, at Dorchester, whither he had gone to pass the summer. His widow survived him more than a third of a century, and died on the 6th of April, 1878. His last surviving son, a graduate of Harvard College in the class of 1845, died in 1847.

Dr. Greenwood was a good scholar, though not specially distinguished; and he was a graceful and polished writer. His manner in the pulpit was dignified and impressive, and his published sermons amply confirm the high estimate placed on his abilities as a preacher. To his sermons he gave his chief strength; and it was through them that he made his strongest impression on the community. This impression was deepened by the rare beauty of his personal character and by the entire harmony between his life and his teaching.

C. C. S.

Notice of Rev. Jonathan Homer, D.D.

Jonathan Homer was the son of Michael Homer, of Boston, where he was born April 15, 1759.* He was prepared for college in his native town, and is said to have been a school-mate of Sir Isaac Coffin, afterward Admiral in the British navy, with whom he maintained a friendly correspondence during life. He graduated from Harvard College in 1777, in the same class with William Bentley, afterward pastor of

* Dr. W. Jenks, in Sprague's "Annals" (II 173), states his birthday as "in October, 1759." I follow the more exact, and therefore more probable, date given by Dr. Codman in the sermon preached at Dr. Homer's funeral service.

the Second Church in Salem, and James Freeman, who was the first pastor of King's Chapel under its new *régime*. No record appears of his theological studies; but he was invited to settle over the New North Church in his native place, — an invitation which he declined on account of his extreme conscientiousness in respect to the "Half-way Covenant" which was practised by that church.

He soon after received and accepted an invitation to become pastor of the ancient First Church in Newton, Massachusetts, and was there ordained Feb. 13, 1782, two months before completing his twenty-third year. Here he exercised a quiet and useful ministry for fifty-seven years, forty-five of which were without a colleague. In November, 1827, Rev. James Bates was settled as his associate, the joint pastorate being terminated by the dismissal of both in April, 1839. The senior ex-pastor lived in love and continued usefulness in the midst of his former flock, until he was released by death on the 11th of August, 1843, at the venerable age of eighty-four years, three months, and twenty-seven days, — it is stated being able to read to the last without the aid of spectacles.

As a professional man, the subject of this notice was distinguished rather for goodness than for greatness. He loved to preach, and to visit from house to house, and was indefatigable in all such labors. Pleasing in style and practical in tastes, he undertook no deep philosophy nor lofty speculation, being quite content, like Goldsmith's country parson, to allure to brighter worlds and lead the way. In his pastoral service he was greatly aided by the estimable and useful lady whom he married in his early ministry, — Miss Anna, daughter of Obadiah Curtis, Esq., of Boston, and a sister of the wife of Dr. James Freeman, — who went to her rest nearly twenty years before him. One son only was given to them, and he was taken from them in 1804, the year after his graduation at Cambridge.

In 1826, Brown University conferred upon the Newton pastor the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Dr. Homer had one specialty. About the year 1824, his mind was particularly turned toward the sources of the English rendering of the Scriptures, and he began to collect and collate the various versions. A kinsman resident in England aided him in gathering material, as also did his friend, Admiral Coffin, so that he was able, in the passage of years, to bring together a large and valuable collection of translations of the Bible into the vernacular.* It was his purpose to publish a volume giving the results, but of this he failed. He preached two sermons, however, in Dedham, in 1835, on occasion of the ter-centennial anniversary of the first publication of the Scriptures in the mother-tongue, in which he embodied large results of his investigations. He also contributed a rapid review of the same subject to the supplemental volume of the "Comprehensive Commentary," edited by his friend, Dr. Jenks. As the result of his examination of the matter, he reached and thus announced the conclusion that, of thirty-three parts of the authorized version, thirty-two were compilations from pre-existent translations, one thirty-third part alone being the work of King James's scholars themselves.

* Among the Biblical treasures in Dr. Homer's library was the old Bible of Adam Winthrop, the father of the first Governor Winthrop, now belonging to their descendant, the Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, the President of this Society. It was probably given to Dr. Homer by the late William Winthrop, of Cambridge. For a number of years, this Bible was counted as one of the rich Biblical treasures of the late George Livermore, of Cambridge, and since his death has been transferred to its present most fit depository. It is the quarto copy of King James's Bible; the Old Testament bears date 1614, and the New Testament, 1615. It is bound up with the Book of Common Prayer, printed in 1615; with the Genealogies recorded in Scripture, by John Speed, 1619; and with Sternhold and Hopkins's version of the Psalms, 1618. A careful list of the books of the Old and New Testaments is found on the reverse of the title-page, in the unmistakable hand of Adam Winthrop. In addition to the contents above mentioned, there are bound up with the book "Two Right Profitable and Fruitfull Concordances," by R. F. H[errey], bearing date 1619 and 1620. See *Life and Letters of John Winthrop*, Vol. I. pp. 53, 54. — EDS.

Dr. Homer was elected a member of this Society, April 30, 1799.

His publications were the following: —

1. *The Character and Duties of a Christian Soldier.* [The Artillery Election for 1790.] Boston, 1790. 8vo, pp. 22.
2. *The Succession of Generations among Mankind, illustrated and improved.* [A Century Sermon at Newton.] Dec. 25, 1791. Boston, 1792. 8vo, pp. 28.
3. *The Mourner's Friend; or, Consolation and Advice to Christian Parents in the Death of Little Children.* [A Sermon, Dec. 7, 1792.] Boston, 1793. 8vo, pp. 24.
4. *Description and History of Newton, in the County of Middlesex.* [In 1 Massachusetts Historical Collections, V. 253-280.] 8vo, pp. 28.
5. *The Way of God Vindicated: a Sermon on the Death of his only Child, in 1804.* Boston. 8vo.
6. *A Sermon delivered in Newton, Oct. 13, 1816, on the Decease of Mr. Samuel Hammond, of Brookline.* Dedham, 1817. 8vo, pp. 26.
7. *A Sermon delivered before the Massachusetts Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, 1828.* Boston. 8vo.
8. *Sources of the Common English Bible. A Letter to Rev. W. Jenks, D.D., of date Feb. 23, 1838.* [Published as Appendix A. (pp. 55, 56) to Part I. of the Supplement to the Comprehensive Commentary.] Brattleboro', Vermont, 1838. Small folio.

Of these, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are in the Society's Library.

H. M. D.

Notice of Rev. Henry Ware, Jr. D.D.

Henry Ware, Jr., was the fifth child and oldest son of the Rev. Henry and Mary (Clarke) Ware, and was born at Hingham, April 21, 1794. Much care appears to have been taken with his early education, and after studying in the schools of his native town he was placed successively under the tuition of the Rev. Dr. Allyn, of Duxbury, and of his cousin, Ashur Ware, afterward a distinguished jurist. The last year of his preparatory course was spent at Phillips Academy, Andover. In his fifteenth year, he entered Harvard College, and was graduated in the Class of 1812, his part at Commencement being a poem on "The Pursuit of Fame." After leaving college, he taught for two years as an

assistant in the Academy at Exeter, then under the charge of Dr. Benjamin Abbott; and in August, 1814, he returned to Cambridge to pursue a course of study in theology under the eye of his father. Even from a child, all his inclinations had pointed in this direction, and while at Exeter he had devoted considerable time to theological studies.

His first sermon was preached at West Cambridge in October, 1815; and subsequently he preached as a candidate in several places. But his early efforts do not appear to have produced a very favorable impression, and it was not until November, 1816, that he received an invitation to become permanently connected with any parish. Even then the invitation was not with entire unanimity, though sufficiently cordial to justify its acceptance; and on the 1st of January, 1817, he was ordained as pastor of the Second Church in Boston. He soon began to make his mark, to become endeared to his own parish, which rapidly grew in numbers and influence, and to take a leading part in every effort to elevate the moral and religious condition of the community. New plans of usefulness were devised by him and effectually carried out, especially a course of Sunday evening services for the poor, which subsequently gave place to the ministry at large, carried on for a time by the Rev. Dr. Tuckerman, and now under the charge of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches. From his childhood, however, his health had been delicate, and he was more than once compelled to seek rest from his public duties. In the summer of 1820, he became so seriously ill as to occasion much anxiety to his friends, and he was advised to take a horseback journey into the interior of the State, by which he was much benefited. In the beginning of 1826, his health again broke down and he was obliged to leave Boston in the middle of Anniversary Week (at that time a period of much greater interest than it now is), and did not return until the latter part of August, having in the mean time ridden nearly twelve hundred miles on

horseback. In the following winter his health was much better than usual, and he was able to accomplish a great amount of work. But two years later he had another severe attack, which again incapacitated him from labor, and virtually terminated his ministry, though the connection with his parish was not formally closed until October, 1830. So early, indeed, as December, 1828, he had tendered his resignation; but such was the affection with which he was regarded by the whole parish, that they declined to accept his resignation, and immediately selected a colleague "to assist him in the discharge of his duties, and share with him the burdens of his office."

Shortly after the completion of this arrangement, Mr. Ware received the appointment of Professor of Pulpit Eloquence, and the Pastoral Care, in the Divinity School at Cambridge, with leave of absence to travel in Europe for the benefit of his health; and he at once offered to resign his salary as senior minister of the Second Church. The offer was declined; and on the 1st of April, 1829, he sailed for England. During his absence, he visited England, Holland, Italy, Switzerland, and France; and he returned home in the latter part of August, 1830, apparently so far restored in health as to be equal to the discharge of the duties of his Professorship. But it was not thought advisable for him to retain his connection with his parish, and his resignation was accordingly again tendered, and was reluctantly accepted. Of his character as a Christian minister, the Rev. Dr. Ezra S. Gannett, who was not inclined to indulge in extravagant praise, said, after his death: "During the latter part of his ministry in this city, I suppose no other person possessed so entirely the confidence of our citizens. Always acceptable and highly esteemed as a preacher, yet his gifts in public discourse were not of that extraordinary kind which makes their possessor an idol or a sovereign with the people. His modes of life were unostentatious, and his personal manners

tinged with an appearance of abstraction and indifference. He did nothing to court popularity or secure the favorable regards of any class of people. Yet he was, beyond all doubt, at the time to which I refer, the one man in Boston on whom men of all parties and all denominations and all classes bestowed unqualified esteem."

In October, 1830, he removed to Cambridge, and there he remained in the diligent discharge of the duties of his Professorship, occasionally interrupted by severe illness, until the summer of 1842, when the state of his health compelled him to resign an office, the duties of which he could never hope again to discharge. He removed to Framingham for quiet and rest, and there he died on the 22d of September, 1843, worn out by the various and exacting labors to which he had given his whole body and mind, and by his long struggle with disease in various and complicated forms.

Mr. Ware contributed largely to the theological and religious literature of the time, and edited four volumes of the "Christian Disciple," beside writing much for its pages. He was also for a short time one of the editors of the "Christian Register"; and in the last months of his life he was engaged in making arrangements to become the editor of the "Christian Examiner," to which journal, as well as to the "North American Review," he was a frequent contributor. He had, too, a strong taste for poetry, and was fond of indulging his inclination for poetical composition. Many of his pieces have great merit, and some of his hymns still retain a place in the hymn-books. After his death, four volumes of selections from his published writings in prose and verse, and from his manuscript sermons, were issued under the editorial care of his successor, the Rev. Dr. Chandler Robbins.

He was elected a member of the Historical Society in January, 1822, and he was also a member or officer of many religious and philanthropic organizations. In 1834 he received

the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Harvard College.

He was twice married. His first wife, to whom he was married in October, 1817, was Elizabeth, daughter of Dr. Benjamin Waterhouse, of Cambridge. She died on the 9th of February, 1824, leaving one son and one daughter; and in June, 1827, he was married again. His second wife, a woman of rare graces of character, was Mary Lovell, daughter of Mark Pickard, of Boston. She died in April, 1849.

C. C. S.

Notice of Samuel Pickering Gardner.

Samuel Pickering Gardner, son of John Gardner, of Wenham, near Salem, Massachusetts, by his second wife, Elizabeth, sister of Colonel Timothy Pickering, was born in Salem May 14, 1767, and took his degree at Harvard in 1786.

Soon after leaving college, he engaged in commercial pursuits, first in Charleston, South Carolina, and afterward in Boston, where he married, Sept. 19, 1797, Rebecca Russell, daughter of Judge John Lowell.

Having acquired a competent fortune, Mr. Gardner retired from active business to devote himself to his family, his friends, and his books. Eminently just in all his dealings, considerate of the feelings of others, and courteous in the expression of decided opinions, his integrity and good sense early won for him the respect of the community in which he lived, but he had no ambition for the distinctions of public station. He preferred to occupy himself with the education of his children, the enjoyment of cultivated society, and the improvement of his mind. A man of various and exact information, a careful observer of the appearances and operations of the natural world, his zeal in the acquisition of knowledge knew no abatement to the very close of a long life.

He died, deeply regretted, in his seventy-seventh year, Dec. 18, 1843, in that fine old Vassall mansion in Summer Street, Boston, which, for nearly half a century, he had made the scene of a refined hospitality and the home of a prosperous and united family.

R. O. W., Jr.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, May 30, 1844. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from I. P. Davis, Esq., Major J. D. Graham, the New York Historical Society, the American Philosophical Society, Robert Treat Paine, Esq., and the Trustees of the Boston Library.

Also, the following works left on deposit by Mr. Melvin Lord: "Songs of the Temple, 1834," "Columbian and European Harmony, 1802," and "History of the Tune of Old Hundred, 1844."

Mr. FELT, from the Committee on increased accommodations for the Library, stated that the Committee was not ready to report.

Mr. LUCIUS R. PAIGE, of Cambridge, was chosen Resident Member, *vice* Ichabod Tucker, Esq., resigned.

Major J. D. GRAHAM was chosen Honorary Member.

Mr. F. C. GRAY, from the Committee on the designs of the French Government upon the New England Colonies, reported orally, in part.

The President, from the Committee on the subject of a half-century sermon, not being ready to report, further time was allowed for the purpose.

Mr. FELT proposed the following questions, under the Rules of April, 1844 :—

1. "On what authority is Governor Winthrop called the first Governor of New England?"
2. "On what authority do this Society vote with corn and beans together?"

Judge DAVIS presented a communication in relation to the history of the Winslow chair, which was read and placed on file.*

* The following letter is on file :—

"MILTON PLACE, May 30th, 1844.

"DEAR SIR, — It seems to have been well understood that the venerable oaken chair, adopted by the Massachusetts Historical Society as their presidential chair, belonged to Governor Edward Winslow, one of the distinguished founders of the Old Colony, of precious memory. Being one day, not long since, in our apartment with the Librarian, Rev. Mr. Felt, I suggested to him a wish to be allowed to add a cushion to the chair, ornamented with a representation of Governor Winslow's appropriate device on his seal, — a pelican feeding its young, at the expense of its own blood. The intimation was so promptly and cordially embraced by Mr. Felt that I at once proceeded, with your understanding and approbation, to carry the design into execution. By the ready assistance of daughters and grand-daughters, descendants by the mother's side from Governor Winslow, I have the pleasure now to return the chair to its place, with a refreshed aspect, and with the suggested figures of the pelican and its young, worked into the cushion. The chair was delivered to an upholsterer (Mr. Wood) to be cleansed and varnished. When the crust with which it had become begrimed was removed, faint appearances of writing were perceived on the back, and this inscription was ascertained :—

"'CHEAPSIDE, LONDON,
1614.'

"I regret very much that I was not informed of this discovery before varnish was applied, but there can be no doubt of the existence of the inscription. Time seemed to have insured its victory, but we have rescued this seemingly devoted victim. There is now abundant confirmation of the correctness of the late Dr. Isaac Winslow's declarations respecting the history of this chair, as related by his children and grandchildren. It is gratifying to contemplate the present appropriate station of the valued relic. *Magna est cana antiquitatis reverentia*, will its present respected and esteemed occupant say, with his friend and obedient servant,

"JOHN DAVIS.

"HON. JAMES SAVAGE,
President of the Massachusetts Historical Society."

Eds.

Voted, That the President and Librarian be requested to have a permanent inscription placed on the Winslow chair.*

Voted, That the Recording Secretary be directed to have the Rules adopted at the April meeting printed, and a copy thereof sent to each member.†

Present — The President, Blagden, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Frothingham, F. C. Gray, J. C. Gray, Hoar, Mitchell, Quincy, Ripley, White, and Worcester.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, June 27, 1844. The President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Mr. F. C. GRAY officiated as Recording Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian read a list of donations.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Rev. Lucius R. Paige, accepting his seat as a member.

The Committee on further accommodations for the Library made a report, which was accepted (see file); and thereby the Treasurer and Librarian were instructed to have a new partition put up, as recommended therein.‡

Judge Davis had leave to withdraw his letter, pre-

* See *ante*, p. 1, note *. — Eds.

† Copies printed accordingly are on file. — Eds.

‡ The new partition divided the front room, and made a small room in the rear part of it, with only one window, for the storage of newspapers, &c., thereby furnishing also additional shelf-room for books. This arrangement continued until the Dowse Library was built in 1857, when other changes were made. — Eds.

sented at the last meeting, relating to the Winslow chair, that the same might be modified.

Mr. FELT read some remarks on the two questions proposed by him at the last meeting.*

Mr. F. C. GRAY laid on the table, for the inspection of members, some colored engravings of the ancient tapestry of Bayeux, in France, representing the Norman conquest of England.

Present — The President, C. F. Adams, Bancroft, Chandler, J. Davis, Ellis, Felt, F. C. Gray, J. C. Gray, Hoar, Jenks, Lamson, Lowell, Mitchell, Paige, Pierce, Winthrop, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, July 25, 1844. The President in the chair. The record of the last meeting was read.

Donations were communicated by the Librarian from Chief-Justice Durfee, of Rhode Island, James G. Hovey, Solomon Lincoln, and William G. Goddard, Esqrs.

Messrs. GREENLEAF, F. C. GRAY, and I. P. DAVIS were appointed a committee to consider the subject of repairing the paintings belonging to the Society, and to report thereupon.

The President, to whom was referred, at the last February meeting, the letter without subscription, directed to the first Judge Sewall, relating to Dr. Cotton Mather, communicated at length the results of his in-

* These remarks are not on file. — Eds.

vestigations, which were read by him, and placed on file.*

Mr. Joshua Coffin, in the discretion and under the direction of the Librarian, has leave to take the portrait of Dr. John Clarke for one week, for the purpose of having a lithograph of the same for his "History of Newbury" &c., now in progress.†

Messrs. FELT and MITCHELL were authorized and directed to provide shelves in the new apartment, and cause the books to be removed thereto.

Present — The President, Chandler, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Frothingham, F. C. Gray, J. C. Gray, Greenleaf, Hillard, Hoar, Jenks, Paige, White, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

* The paper is printed in 4 Collections, II. 122-129. — Eds.

† See a note on this picture at p. 480 of Vol. I. of these Proceedings. Since that note was written, we have received a letter from Mrs. Elizabeth Howard Bartol, of this city (sister of Dr. John Clark Howard, who presented the picture to the society), in which she says: "I am sorry I cannot furnish you with any farther information with regard to the portrait of Dr. Clark than the following. The picture was an heirloom in our family, and came down to us as the likeness of Dr. John Clark, 'who received his diploma in England, and was the first physician in this country who performed the surgical operation of trepanning the skull.' These items are all that I remember, and these are firmly fixed in my mind in connection with our ancestor. My brother, Dr. John Clark Howard, was said to be the fifth lineal descendant of the name and profession."

The picture represents a rather aged man, wearing a skull-cap, his left hand resting upon a human skull which lies upon a table in front of him, while in his right he holds a surgical instrument with which he is apparently in the act of performing some operation upon it.

Mr. Coffin, who had a lithographic copy of the picture made for his History of Newbury, had the following inscription placed upon the copy: "Dr. John Clarke, physician in Newbury, Massachusetts, from 1637 to 1651. Died in Boston, 1664, aged sixty-six." Dr. Thacher, in his "American Medical Biography," who has a rude engraving of the picture, at p. 222, assigns it to Dr. John Clark, of Boston, of whom he gives a biography, with brief notices of his descendants. He does not speak of his previous residence at Newbury. He mentions his will, of which a copy may be seen in the Historical and Genealogical Register, XIII. 14, 15. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Tuesday, Aug. 27, 1844. At a meeting of the Society, held this day,—in the absence of the President and Recording Secretary, Rev. Mr. **BLAGDEN** was chosen President *pro tem.*, and Rev. Mr. **FELT**, Secretary *pro tem.*

Voted, To dispense with the usual business, and to adjourn to Friday next, 30th instant.

Present — Blagden, Felt, and Paige.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

Friday, Aug. 30, 1844. Met pursuant to adjournment,—the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Mrs. Sarah Hood, D. Appleton & Co., James D. Graham, Esq., Mr. George Hood, Hon. J. Q. Adams, and Hon. Judge Davis.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting on the subject of repairing the portraits presented their report, which was read and accepted, and the Committee were authorized to proceed in pursuance thereof.*

* The following is the report of the Committee :—

“MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

“The Committee appointed at the July meeting to consider the subject of repairing the pictures belonging to the Society, and to report thereon, beg

Mr. SAVAGE, from the Committee on the subject, appointed at the last March meeting, on the expediency of celebrating the termination of the first half-century of the incorporation of the Society, in which the progress of the Society should be exhibited, with notices of its deceased members, reported that it is expedient to have an address delivered at the stated monthly meeting in October next, &c.; and that, at the next meeting, a committee of five members be raised to make arrangements for the place, hour, and manner of proceeding on the last Thursday of October next.

The report having been read and accepted, the Rev. Dr. PALFREY was chosen to deliver the address.

Mr. Bancroft nominated Robert Lemon, Esq., of London, for Corresponding Member.

Voted, To grant for the term of six months the request of J. Wingate Thornton, Esq., for the use of the Library.

Judge DAVIS, from the First Section, made a communication in relation to the will of the Indian Pau-

leave to report. That they have caused the pictures to be examined by Mr. Chase, the artist who cleaned and prepared for exhibition Mr. Allston's painting of Belshazzar's Feast, and he has designated thirteen of them as particularly requiring to be cleaned and repaired, and worthy of being so. These are the portraits of John Wilson, Dummer (by Sir Godfrey Kneller), Faneuil, Hutchinson, James Allen, Sheriff Allen, Bishop Berkeley, Increase Mather, Wentworth, Belcher, Washington, Lafayette, Columbus. He offers to put all these in perfect order, removing two or three at a time for that purpose, for the sum of one hundred and ten dollars. Believing him to be a competent artist, and considering the price he asks moderate, the Committee recommend that his proposal be accepted, if the state of the Treasury permit.

"For the Committee,

SIMON GREENLEAF, *Chairman*.

"Aug. 10, 1844."

Eds.

mahtukquasuk, in 1673, together with a donation of a copy of the will.*

* The following is the letter of Judge Davis, to which is annexed the Indian will. The accented letters in the will were, no doubt, made by Judge Davis or his brother, Samuel Davis, — probably by the former: —

“NEWTON, 29th Aug., 1844.

“DEAR SIR, — I send, as my contribution for table talk to-morrow, at the meeting of the Historical Society, a copy of Paumahtukquasuk's will, which I received from my brother Samuel, and which I find among a budget of old papers hastily put into my trunk to occupy a rainy day in the country. I hope you will read it (if it is to be read); and the whole furnishes a good exercise in attempts at Indian pronunciation, which I wish we could recover. We have it, I suppose, pretty correctly in some familiar words, — as Massachusetts, Wina-simmet, Assawomset. We are apt to assume diphthongs, I imagine, where they did not exist. Mr. Prince is doubtless correct in his critique on the name of the renowned sachem, Mas-sa-so-it, — not *soit*, as a diphthong; the accent on the fourth [third?] syllable, so-it. This penultimate accent seems to have very much prevailed.

“Yours truly,

J. DAVIS.

“P. S. We find by this paper whom John Sausumin married. The orthography, according to what is above suggested, would give Sa-u-sù-min. We say *Sausaman*, — *ideo quare*.

“WILL OF PAUMAHTUKQUASUK, 1673, COPIED FROM THE PROBATE RECORDS OF PLYMOUTH COLONY.

“I, Paumahtukquasuk, of Assowomsett, being old and near my end, and weak of body, but my understanding remaining with me; and being willing to settle my estate of land according to my mind, I being rightfully possessed of lands by my father's gift. — My father's name was Sausasquib, and he had three sons, — the eldest his name was Wunanamopaine, the second son is myself, the youngest his name was Wutishpohgun. Wunanamopaine had but one daughter. Her name was Assaweethau, who became John Sausumin's wife. She deceased, and left but one daughter also. Her name was Nanooswanum. Her English name is Bettee, yet surviving. And all Assowomsett, to the known boundaries thereof, were said Bettee's and mine own. These bounds are as followeth. Beginning at Pachasett River, called Pachasett, to another bound called Wufupagut thow panupagut, to another Matchepukgunnuponset, by a round rock, to another bound Mishnepettunt, to another called Panhomuk, to Ohkakqusett, to another Metukpogkottimis, or white oak; another bound called Quampakasett, to Wadchu mishpakatamesett, to another called Mamatahtukquat wompaniyau, eastward Wasasketuwen, and to another called Wawohtupakasett nupisupag, or ponds joined together, goes farther also, and comes to the first-mentioned river, — Pachasett River. The full half of said Assowomsett, so bounded, I do freely of my own mind give unto my cousin Nanooswanum, *alias* Bettee Sausuman, for her and her heirs to have

• Messrs. F. C. GRAY, FELT, and C. F. ADAMS were appointed a committee to make provision for a course of lectures the coming season, and to report at the next meeting.

Present—The President, J. Q. Adams, Bancroft, Blagden, I. P. Davis, Felt, Frothingham, White, Willard, and Winthrop.

forever, and to all them Indians that belongeth to Assowòmsett, that pray to God, or shall pray to God, that such Indians may live together and serve God, and not be molested. For my said cousin, her heirs, and all those Indians that pray to God, or shall pray to God, for all them successively from generation to generation, to the end of the world, all said land I give them, upon this condition,—that neither my said cousin, nor her heirs, nor none of the heirs of those Indians that I have by this my will given my land to, shall not give or sell any part of said land to any person or persons whatsoever. And this is my own mind, to entail my said land, as above-said, to the end said land so given may for ever remain for said Indians for ever, accord[ing] to the true meaning of this my will, which is my last will. In witness whereof, I set to my hand this last of August, one thousand six hundred seventy and three.

“I, PAUMAHTUKQUASUK.

“In the presence of these witnesses.

CHARLES, his mark O

KORTOMASITT, his X

“John Dickseller is one of the witnesses, took oath that to the above-written will said Paumahtukquasuk signed, and gave as his last will, before me,

“THO. TUPPER.

WUSSITTUMWAENIN.

“NOTES [BY SAMUEL DAVIS].

“The same year of the date of this will; viz., the year 1673, is also the date of the Sixteen shilling Purchase (seventy-two proprietors gave sixteen shillings each, hence the name of the purchase), so termed in the Old Colony Records, which comprises the east part of Middleberry and the contiguous parts of Rochester and Carver. For the security of this purchase in peace, it appears that in 1675, Wutishpòhgún and his son William mortgaged Assowòmsett Neck to the proprietors of Middleberry. This neck therefore became forfeited to the purchasers by the events of Philip's War,—Wutishpòhgún having become on that occasion the ally of Philip, and the enemy of the colonists.

“MEMORANDUM [BY JUDGE DAVIS].

“*Sausumin*.—There were so often occasions, both with Indians and English, to pronounce this word, that I presume we sound it correctly. Still there were no diphthongs. The *au* was only employed to express the broad sound of *a*, as in *all*.”—Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Sept. 26, 1844. The President in the chair.
The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Government of the United States, the Danish Society of Northern Antiquaries, Professor Hiort, of Germany, John B. Trott, Esq., Hon. R. C. Winthrop, and Professor Greenleaf.

ROBERT LEMON, Esq., was chosen Corresponding Member.

Messrs. I. P. DAVIS, F. C. GRAY, YOUNG, C. F. ADAMS, and MINOT were appointed on the Committee to make arrangements for the place, hour, and manner of proceeding in the celebration, on the last Thursday of October next, of the termination of the first half-century of the incorporation of the Society.

Mr. F. C. Gray was excused, at his own request, from serving on the Committee on Lectures, and Mr. I. P. DAVIS was chosen in his stead; and it was

Voted, That the Committee consider the expediency of having a course of lectures the ensuing season, with full power, if they decide in favor thereof, of making all the necessary arrangements to carry the same into effect.

Mr. F. C. GRAY, from the Committee on the subject, reported progress in the repairs of the portraits belonging to the Society.

The President communicated from the Treasurer a letter from Dr. John Ware, relating to the assessments due to the Society from the estate of their late associ-

ate, Rev. Henry Ware, Jr., D.D., deceased. Whereupon,

Voted, That the said assessments be remitted, and that the Treasurer communicate a copy of this vote to the representatives of the deceased.

Dr. JENKS, from the Second Section, communicated a full account of the family of "Jenks, of Lynn." *

Dr. PIERCE, from the same section, communicated a list of the preachers of the sermons at the General Elections in Massachusetts, so far as printed, with the years when preached, and designating those of which he possesses copies.†

* This communication, of seven pages, is on file. It is entitled "Copy of a Letter to Alonzo Lewis, Esq., of Lynn, intended for insertion in the second edition of his History of that town." It does not appear to have been used by Mr. Lewis as intended; but it was published in the Historical and Genealogical Register for July, 1855. — Eds.

† The following communication is on file: —

"MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN OF THE
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

"It has been the aim of the subscriber, from an early period of his ministry, to collect the printed sermons delivered at the General Election of Massachusetts, which, as fast as procured, are bound in decades.

"The first printed General Election Sermon which he has ascertained, was by John Norton, of Boston, in 1661.

"Assuming that this was the first printed General Election Sermon, and that all were printed to the end of the century, there were forty in the seventeenth century. Of these, the subscriber possesses thirteen, by the following preachers, in the following years: —

- "1663. John Higginson, Salem.
- 1667. Jonathan Mitchel, Cambridge.
- 1668. William Stoughton, Dorchester.
- 1670. Samuel Danforth, Roxbury.
- 1672. Thomas Shepard, Charlestown.
- 1674. Samuel Torrey, Weymouth.
- 1676. William Hubbard, Ipswich.
- 1679. James Allen, Boston.
- 1682. Samuel Willard, Boston.
- 1683. Samuel Torrey, Weymouth.
- 1685. William Adams, Dedham.

Dr. PALFREY, from the same section, read several letters from his grandfather, the late William Palfrey, Esq., to John Wilkes, in relation to the "Boston Massacre," the "Trial of Captain Preston," and the "Character of Governor Hutchinson." *

Present—The President, C. F. Adams, Appleton, I. P. Davis, Felt, Frothingham, F. C. Gray, Hillard, Jenks, Minot, Palfrey, Pierce, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

1690. Cotton Mather, Boston.

1698. Nicholas Noyes, Salem.

"He possesses all published in the eighteenth century but four, viz. :—

"1711. Peter Thacher, Milton.

1713. Samuel Treat, Eastham.

1715. Jeremiah Shepard, Lynn.

1717. Roland Cotton, Sandwich.

"He has forty-four, all of the nineteenth century, thus far. He has accordingly every Election Sermon which has been published for the last one hundred and twenty-seven years.

"No sermon was preached in 1752 and 1764, on account of the small-pox in Boston.

"In the decade between 1770 and 1780 are included, in the volume, two sermons before the General Court, by Dr. Gordon, on 19th July, 1775, and 4th July, 1777; as also the sermon of Dr. Cooper, on the commencement of our present State Constitution, delivered 25th October, 1780.

"From this account it appears that the subscriber possesses all the General Election Sermons of the nineteenth century, thus far, amounting to forty-four; all of the eighteenth century but four; and of the forty Election Sermons, supposed to have been published in the seventeenth century, he possesses thirteen,—all but twenty-seven; so that his deficiencies are thirty-one sermons, and his supplies, one hundred and fifty-eight.

"From the Election Sermons procured, he has already thirteen bound volumes, in decades.

"If any one will aid in supplying the above-noted defects, the favor will be gratefully acknowledged by a devoted fellow-laborer in the Massachusetts Historical Society.

"JOHN PIERCE.

"BROOKLINE, 26th September, 1844."

These sermons are now in this Society's Library, having been given or bequeathed to it by Dr. Pierce.—Eds.

* Extracts from these letters may be found in Dr. Palfrey's *Life of William Palfrey*, in Sparks's *American Biography*, new series, Vol. VII.—Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Oct. 31, 1844. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Dr. Edward Jarvis, Judge White, and from l'Institut Historique and l'Académie de l'Industrie, of Paris.

The President communicated a letter from Josiah Quincy, Jr., in behalf of the Boston Athenæum, for the purchase of the right of the Society in the room over the Savings Bank, which communication was referred to the President, Messrs. F. C. GRAY and HILLARD, to be reported upon at the next meeting.*

The President also communicated a letter of invitation from the New York Historical Society to attend their anniversary celebration, at the city of New York, on Wednesday, Nov. 20, 1844, at 5 P.M.†

* A committee of the Boston Athenæum, then located in Pearl Street, of which Mr. Quincy was Chairman, had, in May preceding, in view of enlarging its accommodations, purchased a lot of land almost immediately adjoining the Savings Bank and Historical Society, extending from Tremont Street to Court Square, and arrangements for building on that spot were very nearly consummated. In their wish to secure the additional purchase of the Savings Bank lot, which adjoined the burial-ground, with its ample light and air, they seem not to have succeeded. After spending nearly a year in attempting to perfect their plans for a suitable edifice, another site was suggested for the Athenæum on Beacon Street, which, in December, 1845, was purchased, and the Tremont Street property was sold.

It will be remembered that there had been, some ten years previously, a proposition to this Society from the Boston Athenæum to unite with that association, the American Academy, and the Medical Society in the erection of a building for their joint occupancy. See Proceedings, I. 384-386. — Eds.

† This was the fortieth anniversary of the New York Historical Society. The Address on the occasion was delivered by John Romeyn Brodhead. — Eds.

Voted, To accept the invitation, and that a delegation of five gentlemen be appointed to attend the celebration, in behalf of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

Whereupon, Hon. JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, Hon. LEVERETT SALTONSTALL, Rev. JOHN CODMAN, D.D., Rev. GEORGE E. ELLIS, and Rev. ALEXANDER YOUNG were appointed Delegates for the purpose.

Voted, That any other members of the Society who may be in New York on that day be requested to attend the celebration, as if specially appointed in that behalf; and that the Recording Secretary be directed to fill up any vacancies that may occur in the delegation.

Mr. I. P. DAVIS communicated a donation by several gentlemen, whose names are to be given at the next meeting, of a portrait of the late Governor Gore, painted by Trumbull.

Mr. F. C. GRAY, from the Committee on repairing portraits, stated that the portraits of Increase Mather and Jeremy Dummer had been repaired and returned to the rooms.

Mr. SAVAGE, from the Third Section, read and placed on file a copy of a letter from Elisha Hutchinson, dated "London, Feb. 1, 1693," in relation to Sir William Phipps's salary as Governor, &c., together with notes and comments upon the letter.*

* This letter, — that is, the copy, — communicated by Mr. Savage, with his notes appended, was not found "on file" among the Society's papers, but among Mr. Savage's own papers, presented to the Society since his death. It bears the Recording Secretary's label mark upon it, as having been filed. It had probably been subsequently withdrawn by Mr. Savage. In printing the letter, the spelling has been modernized.

"Copy of a Letter from Elisha Hutchinson.

"LONDON, Feb. 1, 1693.

"SIR, — I am well assured of your prudence: your love to your country, and kindness to me makes me confident mine shall not be exposed to my prejudice.

Present—The President, J. Q. Adams, Appleton, Blagden, Chandler, Codman, J. Davis, I. P. Davis,

I was with Sir H.¹ on Saturday last, with three other persons then present. He told us that Sir W.² had written by Mr. Jackson ³ to pray His Majesty to settle £1,000 per annum on the Governor; but he had prevented the delivery of that letter, telling him, if he did deliver it, he would not appear for N. E.⁴ nor for the Governor again. I gave him an account of what I knew to be a reason why no settlement was made for the Governor, which gave him satisfaction. He saith he hears the country hath given the Governor little or nothing for his service. I also told him what was done before I came away. He saith the want of a fund of money here, to carry on our business, is the great obstruction to all our affairs. He hoped a body of laws, suitable for us, would have been sent him, which, with money he could have got established to have backed the Charter, but saith none came to him. Those that were sent came to another hand, and those givings that were ordered to — are not thought worth taking notice of; nor did Sir H.¹ know any thing of it until, about a week since, the person that delivered them acquainted him with it. The knowledge of it he will improve as far as he can, which will be but little. The person joined with him in commission ⁵ is not to his satisfaction, being of a contrary judgment and interest to the highest degree. He then told our old friend, Mr. S. M.,⁶ he heartily wished him in the room of the other, and saith the former can be of no service, only a counsel to plead, which any man may be procured to do for money. It is said the agent of Antego is allowed £200 per annum, and hath at all times £600 or £700 at command for their service, which, when he draws off any part, gives an account of for what it is. Though we are poor and at great charge, it's pity we have not something in that kind to gratify those that do us service, but are always liable to lose the hog for lack of a halfpenny worth of tar.⁷ Sir W.² has constituted Mr. B. J.⁸ his agent (as he tells me) to act on his behalf, and make answer for him; and, when he appeared to speak, I am told he was accused for being a party, and so put to a total silence. Sir, I hope that, notwithstanding all the endeavors of our adversaries, we shall have no change yet; for, if we should, it will certainly be for the worse. You may communicate this to my namesakes, or where it may do service, and not hurt.

Sir, your faithful friend,

“‘ELISHA HUTCHINSON.”

[MR. SAVAGE'S NOTES.]

“In the margin is written by the same hand, in one line, ‘Mr. D.⁸ tells Sir H.¹ that W. S.,⁹ Esq., and most of the people are for him to be G.’¹⁰

“We may regret that, as only a half-sheet, on which the foregoing was written, is now preserved, the superscription must be conjectural. As the writer, however, had been an assistant chosen under the old Charter, and was named (in the Charter of William and Mary) to be one of the first Council, which was procured by Increase Mather, it is confidently presumed that this letter was addressed to him. Hutchinson belonged to his church and followed the same politics.

“The subject is the unfortunate situation of Sir William Phipps, our

N. M. Davis, Ellis, Felt, F. C. Gray, J. C. Gray, Hillard, Jenks, Lamson, Lowell, Lunt, Minot, Mitchell, Paige, Palfrey, Pierce, Quincy, Saltonstall, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Wednesday, Nov. 27, 1844. At a meeting of the members of the Massachusetts Historical Society, called by order of the Standing Committee for this day, the annual Thanksgiving falling on the day of the stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

Governor, against whom complaints had been preferred. Of this, abundant information is given in Hutchinson, I. 307 and II. 75-85.

"Of most of the initials or abbreviations, the explication is easy, —

¹ "Sir Henry Ashurst, one of the oldest friends of New England, and now agent, with an associate, of the Province of Massachusetts.

² "Sir William Phipps, the first Royal Governor under the Charter, against whom complaints had been made to the Court.

³ "Benjamin Jackson, whom Sir William, by a disputed exercise of authority, had named his deputy to act as naval officer here. He was charged as accessory in the indecent assault made by the Governor upon Brenton, the king's collector in Boston.

⁴ "New England.

⁵ "The joint agent was Sir Constantine Phipps, a distinguished lawyer, soon after Chancellor in Ireland. Perhaps his family name, though he was of the High Church party, recommended him to the friends of our Governor. No relationship existed. This celebrated agent of Massachusetts was great-grandfather of Constantine Phipps, Lord Mulgrave, who gained so great credit in the expedition towards the North Pole, in which Horatio Nelson acquired his first experience on the ocean.

⁶ "All inquiry and conjecture about this gentleman, whom Ashurst would have preferred for his colleague, are baffled. Probably he was a London merchant in the dissenting interest.

⁷ "Is not this proverb of losing the hog for want of tar, *i.e.*, to mark him, new to most of us.

⁸ "Joseph Dudley.

⁹ "William Stoughton.

¹⁰ "Governor."

Eds.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Mr. Lilly Eaton and Francis Bowen, Esq.

The Treasurer having communicated to the Society his intention of being absent from Boston during the winter, Mr. CHANDLER was unanimously chosen Assistant Treasurer.

The President, from the Committee appointed at the last meeting on the proposition made in behalf of the Boston Athenæum for the purchase of the Society's right in the rooms now occupied by the Society, introduced a detailed report, which, having been read, was ordered to be laid upon the table, for further consideration, until the next meeting.*

Mr. F. C. GRAY, from the Committee appointed at a previous meeting to take measures for procuring copies of documents relating to this country from the public offices in Paris, made a report thereupon, which, being read, it was, after some discussion,

Voted, To refer the whole subject to Messrs. Quincy, Sparks, and F. C. Gray.

On motion of Mr. SPARKS,

Voted, That Mr. Benjamin P. Poore be appointed an agent of the Society, for procuring, in the public offices and other depositories of manuscripts in France, copies of such papers as may serve to illustrate the history of New England, and the relations which formerly existed between New England and the French Provinces in America; and that the President be requested to inform Mr. Poore of his appointment.†

* This report is not on file. — Eds.

† Mr. Poore had been studying law in Paris, intending to practise in New Orleans, when he made the acquaintance of Mr. J. R. Brodhead, then engaged in Paris as Historical Agent for the State of New York. Mr. Brodhead wished to

A letter from Mr. Charles Whittlesey, Corresponding Secretary of the Cincinnati Historical Society, inquiring for books relating to the West, addressed to Judge Davis, was by him communicated to the Society, and it was

Voted, To refer the same for answer to the Librarian.

The Recording Secretary communicated a letter from Mrs. A. D. Perkins, of Boston, claiming a return of the portrait of Jeremy Dummer, alleged to have been deposited in her name by Mr. Jonathan Mason, in the Society's rooms. Whereupon,

Voted, To refer the subject to the Recording Secretary, with directions to ascertain from the records the facts in the case, and, if they coincide with the suggestions of Mrs. Perkins, to return the portrait to her.

Mr. Bancroft nominated Thomas C. Grattan, Esq., British Consul, Boston, for Corresponding Member.

Present — The President, Appleton, Bancroft, Chandler, J. Davis, Felt, F. C. Gray, Hillard, Lowell, Minot, Palfrey, Quincy, Shaw, Sparks, and Willard.

visit Italy, and Mr. Poore carried on his work while he was gone. Just before Mr. Brodhead left for Rome, he received a letter from Mr. Sparks, asking that search might be made for some papers concerning La Salle, and he turned that commission over to Mr. Poore also. Obtaining these papers for Mr. Sparks, Mr. Poore opened a correspondence with him, and when, while copying the New York papers, he found any concerning Massachusetts, he brought them to the notice of Mr. Sparks. That gentleman warmly interested himself in Mr. Poore's proposal to procure them: first, in behalf of the Historical Society; and, finally, as will be seen, for the State. — EDS.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Dec. 26, 1844, 12 m. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Rev. R. M. Hodges, Rev. E. Pratt, the Government of the United States, the New York Agricultural Convention, the Maryland Historical Society, Messrs. Appleton, of New York, and Messrs. Savage, Paige, and Winthrop, of the Society.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Dr. Palfrey for his discourse before its members at the termination of the first half-century from its incorporation, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.*

The report of the Committee on the proposition of the Boston Athenæum, which was laid upon the table at the last meeting, was taken up for consideration; and, after some discussion and several motions, it was, on motion of Mr. TICKNOR,

Voted, That the same Committee be requested to report to this Society such terms of purchase and accommodation as may be received by them from the Boston Athenæum, under the proposition submitted by Josiah Quincy, Jr., Oct. 25, 1844, on behalf of said Athenæum; and that the report of the Committee shall not be acted upon at the meeting to which it is made, but shall be laid over until the next following meeting.†

* It was printed in 3 Collections, IX. 165-188. — Eds.

† Mr. Quincy, in his letter referred to, said that the Athenæum would be willing to pay the Society a sum outright, or to furnish other rooms on equitable terms in their new building. The records of the Society are silent as to any further action of the Committee on this subject.

Persons not familiar with the early history of the Boston Athenæum may

Mr. Snelling, through the President, communicated his resignation of membership; and the Standing Committee nominated in his place Hon. Solomon Lincoln, of Hingham.

The Committee on the subject of procuring copies of public documents from the French Archives, made a report, which was read and accepted, and it was thereupon

Voted, That the same gentlemen, Messrs. Quincy, Gray, and Sparks, be a committee to prepare and present to the General Court, at its next session, a memorial recommending further action by that body on this subject.

On behalf of Professor Sparks, who was absent, the President nominated for Corresponding Member, Don Pedro de Angelis, of Buenos Ayres. Mr. Young nominated for Corresponding Member, John Romeyn Brodhead, Esq., of New York.

The Recording Secretary, in pursuance of the vote at the last meeting, reported that it appears by the Donation Book, and also by the statement of Mr. Jonathan Mason, through whose instrumentality the portrait of Jeremy Dummer was obtained, that this portrait is the property of Mrs. Perkins, and he has therefore given to her an order on the Librarian for its delivery.

Voted, That the Society hereby confirms the doings of the last meeting.

THOMAS C. GRATTAN, Esq., Her British Majesty's Consul, now resident at Boston, was elected a Corresponding Member.

not be aware that, from March, 1809, to June, 1822, when they removed to Pearl Street, they occupied a building on Tremont Street, standing where the Historical Society's building now stands. — EDS.

Present — The President, Appleton, Bancroft, Bartlett, Blagden, Chandler, Codman, J. Davis, Ellis, Felt, Frothingham, Jenks, Lowell, Lunt, Paige, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Ticknor, White, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1845.

Thursday, Jan. 30, 1845, 12 M. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

Donations were communicated by the Librarian from Rev. John L. Sibley, Francis Bowen, John Low, Darius Chase, the American Philosophical Society, Heirs of the late Professor McKean, Mr. Hazard, Rev. Charles M. F. Deering, and from Messrs. Winthrop and Young, of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary announced that Mr. Grattan accepted his election as Corresponding Member.

Hon. SOLOMON LINCOLN, of Hingham, was chosen a Resident Member, *vice* Mr. Snelling, resigned; and DON PEDRO DE ANGELIS, of Buenos Ayres, and JOHN ROMEYN BRODHEAD, Esq., of New York, were elected Corresponding Members.

Voted, That the Librarian be requested to have twenty-five copies of the Society's diploma printed. Also, that he be directed, as soon as may be, to cause the books in the Library not already catalogued to be entered upon the Catalogue.

Voted, That a copy of the last volume of the Society's Collections be sent to the Historical Society of Maryland, and also one to the Historical Society of North Carolina.

Dr. Lowell nominated for Corresponding Member, Major E. B. Jarvis, of the British Army, Surveyor-General of India.

The President, from the Third Section, read a letter from Josiah Cotton, of Plymouth, dated "Aug., 1729," and indorsed "To the Secretary, never sent," which is on file; also, a letter from Sir Henry Ashurst to Mr. Secretary Addington, dated "London, May 7, 1695," with the reply thereto, together with explanations. A copy of the letter and reply is on file.*

* The letter of Cotton we do not find. That of Sir Henry Ashurst, and Secretary Addington's reply, as copied by Mr. Savage, are found among the Savage papers. In printing them here, the orthography has been modernized.

"Copy of a Letter from Sir Henry Ashurst.

" 'LONDON, the 7 of May, 1695.

" 'WORTHY SIR,—I have received several of yours: what refers to the government, I refer you to my general letter, but your kindness to me deserves a particular mention. I am very glad when the affairs of your country requires your often addressing to Court, that there is a person of such abilities as yourself employed in their service; and, if I can be favored with an opportunity of serving you, you may command me. We are impatient yet to hear of the arrival of the ship with naval stores, which will much tend to your service. I shall take care to get such an order to the Connecticut Colony as you advise. I hope you will take care to get the bills accepted I have drawn on the Governor. I have been at much expense in serving you, and have spent much of my time I could spare from my attendance in Parliament in the country's business. I am your real friend and servant,

" 'HENRY ASHURST.'

" Addressed:—

" 'For the Hon. Isaiah Addington, Esq.,

Principal Secretary at Boston.

" 'Per Mr. Madison.'

" Labelled by his correspondent:—

" 'Sir Henry Ashurst's letter of May 7, 1695. Answer sent off Nov. 4, per Thad. Mackarty.'

" Copy of the Reply on same paper with the Original.

" 'HONORABLE SIR,—I was honored with the receipt of yours of the 7th of May past. This being the first opportunity since of rendering my acknowledgments of your Honor's favor therein, which I do with all cordial thankfulness. The bills of exchange you mention in yours, drawn on the country, were accepted and paid before your letter came to my hand, in which I was not

Mr. PAIGE read an account of Richard and Roger Harlakenden, which is placed on file.*

wanting to do what was on my part to further the same. Your Honor is pleased to take notice of my services done for the public, which have been performed in all sincerity and good affection; and the acceptance of my faithful endeavors therein I esteem as a good reward. Sir, I am sorry your Honor has any occasion for a just resentment of the exposing a letter from your Honor directed unto the General Assembly; which is observed in a letter from yourself and Mr. Phips. I hope you will receive satisfaction by the letters from the Governor and Council, how it came to pass, not occasioned by any neglect or unfaithfulness in myself, or any concerned with me. I should not be able to endure the reproach of so ill a thing. I dare challenge the worst of my enemies, justly to accuse me of any falsehood or betraying of any trust in any respect. I write not this from any apprehension of your Honor's jealousy of me, but for my own vindication to any others, and forbear to give you further trouble, saving to assure you that I am, in all sincerity,

“Your Honor's most obliged and faithful servant.

“BOSTON, Nov. 4th, 1695.”

[MR. SAVAGE'S NOTES.]

“Explanations of two or three points in these letters would be desirable, but perhaps they can never be obtained in full. On the subject of the ship with naval stores, I find in the General Court Records this earliest notice:—

“18 Sept., 1694. Upon reading a letter from the Right Honorable the Lords of their Majesties' most Honorable Privy Council, directed unto the Governor, Deputy-Governor, Council, and General Assembly, to encourage and assist the proposals made by Sir Henry Ashurst and Sir Stephen Evance, within one year, if possible, to bring to the port of London, for their Majesties' service, a ship-load of pitch, tar, rosin, plank and knee timber, with an account, attested under the hands of the Governor and Assembly, what quantities thereof they will undertake to send yearly,

“Voted, That a ship-load of the naval stores, above mentioned, be provided with what speed may be, at the charge of the public, to be sent within the compass of a year, if possible; and that Colonel Gedney, Colonel Hutchinson, Major Walley, and Mr. Treasurer be a committee to procure the said stores and a ship to transport them, and that Mr. Treasurer be enabled to pay for the same.”

“Three days after £1,000 was voted for that purpose; and, on 27th October, that sum, or more if needed, was ordered to be remitted to Ashurst for the payment.

“In January following, a letter from Ashurst mentions the arrival of the ship at a port in Wales. At the following General Court, the statement of amount of naval stores and ship timber that could be annually supplied was made.

“A grant of one thousand acres of land in the Province was made to Sir Henry Ashurst in this year for his good services.”—Eds.

* The substance of this paper has been since incorporated by Dr. Paige into his notices of the Harlakendens in his recent “History of Cambridge.”—Eds.

The Recording Secretary read a letter from Hon. Josiah Adams, of Framingham, in relation to obtaining by the Society the papers of the late Rev. Dr. Hemenway.

Voted, To refer the letter and subject to the Rev. Dr. Pierce.

Present — The President, Codman, I. P. Davis, Felt, Lamson, Lowell, Minot, Paige, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Shattuck, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Feb. 27, 1845, 12 M. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Rev. Drs. Allen and Parkman, Rev. Martin Moore, Hon. Thomas H. Perkins, the American Statistical Association, and from Messrs. Hoar and Young, of the Society. Also, a deposit by Mr. George Mountfort of a quadrant taken at the battle of Plattsburg, in 1814.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter of acceptance from Hon. Solomon Lincoln.

Voted, That Mr. I. P. Davis be authorized to procure a suitable frame for the portrait of the late Governor Gore, recently presented to the Society, provided that the expense does not exceed fifteen dollars.

Some incidental discussion arose relative to the proceedings in the Legislature and before the Society

touching copies of documents from the French Archives, but no action was had thereupon.

Rev. Dr. LOWELL read an extract from the Journal of the late Moses Prince, a brother of the annalist, relative to the origin of the word "schooner"; and remarked that he should present to the Society a copy of so much of the Journal as is of historical value.

Present — The President, Appleton, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Frothingham, F. C. Gray, Jenks, Lamson, Lowell, Palfrey, Pierce, Ripley, Sparks, White, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, March 27, 1845, 12 M. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Rev. Messrs. Chandler Robbins, J. R. Barbour, and William Hague, Messrs. Appleton, of New York, Job R. Tyson, Esq., the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, and from Messrs. Savage and Winthrop, of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Mr. Benjamin P. Poore, containing a list of the documents copied by him from the French Archives, and referring to a previous letter, which the Secretary has not received.*

* Mr. Poore's letter, dated "Paris, Feb. 26, 1845," is on file, containing a long list of documents copied from the French archives for the Society, and referring to a previous list sent to the Society, of which this was a continuation. It will have been observed that the Society, after appointing Mr. Poore,

He also communicated a letter from Mr. W. A. Whitehead, of Newark, New Jersey, Secretary of the New Jersey Historical Society, with information of the organization of that Society. Whereupon,

Voted, That a copy of the Collections of our Society, Vol. VIII., third series, be forwarded to Mr. Whitehead for the Historical Society of New Jersey.

Major E. B. JARVIS, of the British Army, Surveyor-General of India, was elected a Corresponding Member, — Messrs. C. F. ADAMS and ELLIS, Scrutinizing Committee.

The President communicated a letter from Hon. John Q. Adams, at Washington, transmitting, at the request of Commodore Jesse D. Elliott, and to be presented in his name, "a medal which he has caused to be struck in honor of J. Fenimore Cooper, Esq., in token of grateful acknowledgment to that distinguished author for the historical justice which he has awarded to the character and conduct of Commodore Elliott in his published writings."

Mr. ELLIS communicated a memorandum in the handwriting of the late Dr. Belknap, sketching the outline of a proposed Historical Society in Massachusetts, in

at the November meeting, their agent, voted to memorialize the General Court of Massachusetts, recommending some further action by that body on this subject. This application was successful, and Mr. Poore was employed by the Government to make transcripts for their archives to a considerable extent, and the papers copied for the Society were turned over to the State, and included in the work done for the State by Mr. Poore. See Senate Document No. 9, for January, 1848, being "Message from His Excellency George N. Briggs, transmitting the Report of Benjamin Perley Poore, employed in France as Historical Agent of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; with Letters from the Hon. J. G. Palfrey, Secretary of State, and Jared Sparks, LL.D., in relation to the subject." — Eds.

1790, with the names of the five gentlemen who were to be present at the first meeting ; * also, a letter from Rev. Timothy Alden, Jr., to Dr. Belknap, 15th March, 1798, containing a parcel of corn taken from the ruins of a house that was burned by the Indians at Scarborough, Maine, in 1676.

Judge DAVIS presented to the Society a Diary of the last century, that was a part of the library of the late Judge Parsons, and stated that he had not yet been able to ascertain the author of the Diary, it being in shorthand.

Mr. J. C. GRAY, from the Second Section, proposed the following question : —

“ What is the nature of the municipal institutions of Massachusetts, as compared with those of other States and of England ? ”

Dr. JENKS called the attention of the Society to a paper communicated to him by Major Shaw, in 1808, containing a transcript of an inscription on a rock in the island of Monhegan, in Maine, said to resemble, in some respects, the inscription on the Dighton rock.

Dr. LOWELL read some extracts from the manuscript Journal of Moses Prince ; also, an elegy, in rhyme of an early day, upon Rev. Daniel Russell, former minister of Charlestown.

Present — The President, C. F. Adams, Appleton, Codman, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Ellis, Felt, Frothingham, J. C. Gray, Jenks, Lincoln, Lowell, Paige, Pierce, Quincy, Shattuck, White, Willard, and Young.

* See a *fac-simile* of this paper in Proceedings, Vol. I p. xii. — *Ends.*

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1845.

Thursday, April 24, 1845, 12 M. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Peter Force, J. J. Forrester, Benjamin Stevens, Theron Metcalf, F. Bowen, Esqrs., Messrs. Appleton, Brown University, the New York Historical Society, and Mr. Winthrop, of the Society.

Messrs. C. F. ADAMS and F. C. GRAY were appointed a committee on the Treasurer's accounts.

The Instructions of Queen Anne to Governor Dudley, 1702, presented to the Society by Mr. Winthrop, were referred to the Publishing Committee.*

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Hon. John Jay, Domestic Corresponding Secretary of the New York Historical Society, on "the expediency of the adoption by this country of a national name," together with the report of a committee of that Society upon the subject, asking, among other things, for the concurrence and co-operation of this Society in bringing the name before the people. Whereupon,

Voted, To refer the subject to Hon. Messrs. John Q. Adams, John Davis, and James Savage.†

* They are printed in 3 Collections, IX. 101-116. — *Ens*.

† The following is a copy of Mr. Jay's letter, which is on file. The report of the New York Historical Society, communicated by Mr. Jay, was dated March 31, 1845, and was signed by David Dudley Field, Henry R. Schoolcraft, and Charles Fenno Hoffman. The name suggested by that Committee for adoption was the "Republic of Allegania." From Mr. Jay's letter it might be

Voted, That Brown University be allowed the volumes of this Society's Collections, after Vol. VI., second series, subject to the limitation made at the meeting in October, 1843, as to the number of copies of each volume to be kept on hand.

inferred that the *Committee* suggested "The Republic of Washington," which was not the case. See the printed report in the Proceedings of the New York Historical Society for 1845, pp. 115-124.

"HISTORICAL ROOMS, CITY OF NEW YORK,
April the tenth, 1845.

"SIR, — In accordance with a resolution passed at the last meeting of the New York Historical Society, held on the 1st instant, I have the honor to address to you a copy of the report of a committee appointed at a previous meeting to consider the expediency of the adoption by this country of a national name.

"The report has not yet been adopted or acted upon by the Society, but has been made the special order for the next stated meeting, to be held on the 6th of May; and, in the mean while, it is submitted to the Historical and Antiquarian Societies of other States, and to eminent gentlemen throughout the country, for their advice.

"The disadvantages attendant upon the want of a distinctive national appellation are very generally admitted, but doubts are entertained by many of the practicability of the proposed change. It has been suggested that some of the difficulties belonging to the subject, such as a wide variance of opinion in regard to the title, and the mistakes to which a new and local name would necessarily give rise in foreign countries, may be in a great measure obviated by proposing to call our land, 'The Republic of Washington,' — a name which it is thought might be adopted by acclamation, and which, if adopted, would be instantly recognized and identified in distant lands, and command the approval of the whole world.

"The views of the Massachusetts Historical Society upon this subject are respectfully solicited.

"I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of the Proceedings of the New York Historical Society for the year 1844, and a copy of the report of Mr. Brodhead, the late Historical Agent of this State, of the results of his investigations in England, France, and Holland, for documents relating to our colonial history.

"May I ask to be supplied with a correct list of the present officers of the Massachusetts Historical Society?

"I am, Reverend Sir, very respectfully your faithful servant,

"JOHN JAY,
Domestic Corresponding Secretary of the
New York Historical Society.

"Rev. CHARLES LOWELL, D.D., Corresponding Secretary
of the Massachusetts Historical Society."

Eps.

Voted, To present to Peter Force, Esq., of Washington, Vol. VIII., third series, of the Society's Collections.

Mr. I. P. DAVIS reported a list of the subscribers for the purchase of Colonel Trumbull's portrait of the late Governor Gore, which list is placed on file.* He also stated that he had procured a suitable frame for the portrait, within the limit fixed at the February meeting.

Voted, That the President and Corresponding Secretary furnish Mr. Felt, the Librarian, with a suitable testimonial to serve his purposes in his contemplated visit to England.

Voted, That the Corresponding and Recording Secretaries procure a suitable plate for letters of the Corresponding Secretary, and for the acknowledgment of donations by the Librarian, &c.

Voted, That the Standing Committee carry into effect the condition on which the grant of the Speaker's desk was made by the Commonwealth to this Society.†

* The following paper is on file : —

"Colonel Trumbull painted two portraits of Mr. Gore while in London, — one for Mr. Gore and the other for himself. The former is in Harvard University; the latter is now in Boston, for sale, at the price of one hundred dollars.

"The undersigned agree to pay the sums set against their names respectively, to purchase it for the Historical Society : —

"JAMES SAVAGE	Ten dollars.	Paid. ✓
N. APPLETON	Ten dollars.	Paid. ✓
F. C. GRAY	Ten dollars.	Paid. ✓
JNO. C. GRAY	Ten dollars.	By I. P. D. ✓
D. A. WHITE	Five dollars.	Paid. ✓
JOSIAH QUINCY	Five dollars.	Paid. ✓
JOHN CODMAN	Five dollars.	Paid. ✓
I. P. DAVIS	Five dollars.	Paid. ✓
GEO. TICKNOR	Five dollars.	Paid. ✓
WM. H. PRESCOTT	Five dollars.	Paid. ✓
C. F. ADAMS	Five dollars.	Paid.
WM. MINOT	Five dollars.	Paid.
JOHN WELLES	Ten dollars.	Paid.
REV. DR. LOWELL	Five dollars.	Paid."

Eds.

† We find no papers on file relating to this well-known relic, the "Speaker's Desk," — the only reference to it being that in the text at this place and at p. 414 of Vol. I. Neither do the records at the State House, so far as we have

Voted, That the Publishing Committee be directed to report progress at the next meeting.

Mr. TICKNOR presented to the Society a manuscript narrative, written by Jolley Allen, a loyalist, containing an account of his sufferings in the cause in the year 1776.

Voted, To refer the same to the Publishing Committee.*

The Society then proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year, — Messrs. MINOT and SHATTUCK, Scrutinizing Committee, who reported that the whole number of votes was twenty-one, and that the following gentlemen were unanimously chosen : —

JAMES SAVAGE	PRESIDENT.
JOSEPH WILLARD	RECORDING SECRETARY.
CHARLES LOWELL	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JOSEPH B. FELT	LIBRARIAN.
LUCIUS R. PAIGE	ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.
PELEG W. CHANDLER	TREASURER.
ISAAC P. DAVIS	CABINET-KEEPER.
FRANCIS C. GRAY	} STANDING COMMITTEE.
CONVERS FRANCIS	
ALEXANDER YOUNG	
GEORGE TICKNOR	
JOSEPH WILLARD	

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts made the following report, viz. : —

The undersigned, a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society, appointed to examine the accounts of Nahum

been able to discover, throw any light upon the subject of our inquiry. We are, therefore, at a loss to know what was the condition on which the gift was made. The Rev. Dr. Ellis, one of the oldest members, recalls nothing definite respecting the desk, only that it came into the Society's possession before he was a member. — Eds.

* This narrative was only recently printed by the Society, in the Proceedings for February, 1878, with notes by Mr. C. C. Smith. — Eds.

Mitchell, their Treasurer, have performed that duty, and report that the accounts are well kept, properly vouched, and correctly cast, and that there appears to have been a balance due the Society of one hundred and thirty-nine dollars and ninety cents, which has been paid to his successor in office.

F. C. GRAY, }
C. F. ADAMS, } *Committee.*

APRIL 24, 1845.

The undersigned, a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society, appointed to examine the accounts of P. W. Chandler, Assistant Treasurer of the Society, have performed that duty, and report that the accounts are well kept, properly vouched, and correctly cast, and that there appears a balance due to the Society of thirty-eight dollars and fifty-eight cents.*

F. C. GRAY, }
C. F. ADAMS, } *Committee.*

APRIL 24, 1845.

Which reports were read and accepted.

Present—The President, C. F. Adams, Blagden, Chandler, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, F. C. Gray, J. C. Gray, Jenks, Lowell, Lunt, Minot, Mitchell, Paige, Palfrey, Pierce, Quincy, Shattuck, Ticknor, White, Willard, Winthrop, and Young.

JOSEPH WILLARD,
Recording Secretary.

* The receipts for the year amounted to \$769.45, of which sum \$200 were for admission fees and assessments, \$329.45 for sales of publications, and \$240 for the last note given on account of the Franklin Place estate. The payments amounted to \$1,037.51, and included \$795.83, balance of note and interest to Abigail Phillips, \$40.50 for taxes, \$63.59 for printing, &c., and \$137.59 for opening the rooms and other miscellaneous expenses. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, May 29, 1845, 12 M. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Assistant Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. John H. Morrison, Charles Meigs, Benjamin Stevens, Adiel Sherwood, T. R. Marvin, Professor Gam-mell, and Dr. Lowell, of the Society.

Mr. ADAMS, from the Committee on the communication of the New York Historical Society "on the expediency of the adoption by this country of a national name," appointed at the last meeting, made a report, accompanied with the form of an answer, to be signed by the Corresponding Secretary as the answer of this Society, and to be forwarded to the New York Historical Society; and it was thereupon

Voted, To accept the same, and to direct the Corresponding Secretary accordingly.*

* The following is the report:—

"Boston, 29th May, 1845.

"JOHN JAY, Esq., Domestic Corresponding Secretary
of the New York Historical Society, New York.

"SIR,—The Massachusetts Historical Society have received and taken into respectful consideration the proposal contained in the report of the Committee of the New York Historical Society on a national name, made on the 31st of March last.

"The Declaration of Independence of 4th July, 1776, announced the thirteen united English Colonies on this continent as free independent States, and the Act of Confederation formally assumed the name of the United States of America. In the preliminary and definitive Treaties of Peace, whereby Great Britain acknowledged their independence, they were all separately named, and the name of 'United States of America' is that by which they have ever since been universally known. Before the close of the Revolutionary War, the name of 'Columbia' was assumed by general consent, as significant of the whole

Mr. ADAMS presented to the Society the reports of Mr. Ellsworth, Commissioner of Patents, for 1842, 1843,

Union, and has been familiarized to every mind by two popular and patriotic songs, — one written by Timothy Dwight, and the other by Joseph Hopkinson. The same name was given in 1787 to the vessel commanded by Captain Gray, by which the great river of the West was discovered, and received from him the same name, because it was the name of the ship, and because the ship was so named to represent the nation. The same name was also given by the Act of Congress which organized the District, ordained by the Constitution to be governed by the exclusive jurisdiction of the whole Union. We confess we perceive no adequate reason for discarding this name, nor wherein it should fail to answer all the purposes for which a national name is desirable.

“That this name has not been so universally received and used as might have been expected, may perhaps be accounted for from the political and personal emphatic importance attached to each of the separate communities, of which the union is composed, by its members. A separation so harmonious in its discord, so universal in its exclusiveness, that the social sentiment which binds men to their country is throughout the Union lavished almost entirely upon the State; and that the patriotism of which the whole Union is the object, has little hold upon the affections, except as it bears upon the relations of the whole Union with foreign nations or with Indian savages. The patriotism which embraces the whole Union is a political principle, combining with national pride a selfish impulse in disguise, and a sense of weakness needing powerful protection against the external world. The patriotism of the heart, of the altar, and the fireside is all absorbed by the State. Our primitive motto was ‘out of many, one.’ We adhere by the understanding and by good faith to the *many*. We cling, grappled to the soul with hooks of steel, to the *one*. The sentiment of patriotism itself cannot possess a power so intense in a confederation of States as in a nation one and indivisible. It is not a simple but a divided impulse, habitually wasting its energies by continual counteraction. The allegiance to the whole is always separate from, often adverse to, the allegiance to the part, and there is no concentration of feeling from the circumference to the centre, inspiring the wish to be called by a common name.

“If the name of ‘Columbia,’ thus assumed in the language of poetry at a period nearly coeval with the formation of the Union itself, thus perseveringly pursued through a long series of years, and thus warranted by legislative sanction in the name given to the District set apart for the exclusive jurisdiction of the confederated nation, has yet not succeeded in obtaining universal circulation, such as to supersede the necessity for another name, we cannot imagine any other name more appropriate or better suited to mark its distinctive character. The name of ‘America,’ irretrievably stamped by uncompromising usage upon both continents of the New Hemisphere, is a perpetual memorial of human injustice, by conferring upon one man a crown of glory justly due to another. This injustice will be in a great degree repaired by the universal adoption of the name of ‘Columbia,’ — a name which we are unwilling to abandon, partial as has been hitherto its adoption, and are especially unwilling to ex-

and 1844, together with a copy of the existing Patent Laws, and a pamphlet copy of "Information to Persons having Business to transact at the Patent Office"; and requested that a day of special meeting of the Society might be assigned for the delivery by him of an historical memoir on the Patent Office of the United States. Whereupon, it was

Voted, That the Standing Committee, with the President, be a com-

change it for one associated with no sentiment but with the mere clod of earth, a mere chain of not even comparatively lofty mountains, overtopped as elevations above the surface of the earth, by the Alps in Europe, the Himalayan chain in Asia, the Mountains of the Moon and Atlas in Africa, and the Andes of the sister continent of this hemisphere.

"If we could ever overcome our partiality for the name of 'Columbia,' and give our own cordial assent to the substitution of another, we entertain some apprehension of exciting a public sentiment tending rather to impair what little influence we possess in the community than to establish the name which we should propose. There seems to be in human nature a spirit of resistance always excitable by any attempt to introduce innovation by authority. About the time when the Historical Society of New York was first instituted, Dr. Samuel L. Mitchell, a citizen of that State, highly distinguished in the career both of literature and of politics, deeply impressed with the necessity of assuming a national name, proposed to adopt that of 'Fredonia,' which he thought had the double advantage of sentiment, of significancy, and of euphony; and the proposition appeared to be received by the public without disapprobation, and even with acceptance. A respectable periodical journal in a neighboring State was called by its editor and bore the name of 'Freedonia' for several years; and it was commended to the favor of after ages by the claim to immortality of the most voluminous epic poem that our country has produced, — yet all this favor has failed to save it from oblivion so complete that we do not find any allusion to it in the present proposal of the Committee of the New York Historical Society, to indicate their knowledge that it had ever existed.

"The Massachusetts Historical Society, therefore, tendering their thanks to the Historical Society of New York for the communication to them of the report of their Committee, respectfully state, in answer to the inquiry for their opinion concerning the proposal for promulgation of a national name, their concurrence in the decision upon the report adopted at the late meeting of the New York Historical Society itself, importing the expediency of superseding all further deliberation upon the subject.

"I am, with great respect, Sir, your very humble and obedient

"[JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.]"

Eds.

mittee with full authority to make all such arrangements as may be necessary in the premises.

The Recording Secretary communicated a letter of acceptance from John Romeyn Brodhead, Esq., of New York, elected at the last January meeting.

Mr. F. C. GRAY reported orally on the progress made in preparing Vol. IX., third series, for the press.

Voted, That Benjamin Merrill, Esq., be requested to prepare a memoir of our late lamented associate, Hon. Leverett Saltonstall, deceased.*

Messrs. MINOT, I. P. DAVIS, and F. C. GRAY were appointed a committee to obtain any minute facts in the history of the late William Tudor, Esq., to aid Mr. Adams in his memoir of that gentleman.

Mr. PAIGE was authorized to agree with Judge Mitchell for keeping the Society's rooms open for the term of six months.

Present — The President, C. F. Adams, J. Q. Adams, Appleton, Chandler, I. P. Davis, Frothingham, F. C. Gray, Hillard, Lincoln, Lowell, Minot, Paige, Quincy, Shattuck, White, Willard, Winthrop, and Young.

* Hon. Leverett Saltonstall, elected in August, 1816, died May 8, 1845. Mr. Merrill's memoir of him is in 3 Collections, IX. 117-127. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, June 26, 1845, 12 m. The President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, LUCIUS R. PAIGE was appointed Recording Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary read a communication from Mr. William M. Porter, of Carlisle, proposing to make a donation of certain military papers connected with the war of the Revolution. Whereupon, it was

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary be directed to acknowledge the receipt of the communication, and request the transmission of the papers therein specified.

Voted, That the Librarian cause to be bound the documents concerning patents, and those concerning the Rhode Island controversy, presented by Hon. John Q. Adams, to be labelled as "Select Congressional Documents."

Present — The President, J. Q. Adams, Bartlett, Chandler, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Frothingham, J. C. Gray, Lowell, Mitchell, Paige, Palfrey, Pierce, Welles, White, Winthrop, and Worcester.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, July 31, 1845, 12 m. In the absence of the President and Recording Secretary, Hon. JOHN Q. ADAMS was chosen President *pro tem*., and Rev. LUCIUS R. PAIGE, Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

A copy of "Gookin's Remonstrance," 1680, having been presented by J. Wingate Thornton, Esq., it was

Voted, To refer the same to the Committee of Publication, to report what action is required in regard to it;* also, to report rules concerning the use and publication of manuscripts belonging to the Society.

Hon. J. Q. ADAMS having presented a series of reports on the navigation and commerce of the United States from 1835 to 1844, the thanks of the Society were voted to him for the donation.

Voted, That Mr. I. P. Davis be added to the Committee for procuring manuscripts and portraits.

Voted, That when this meeting adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday, August 26, at 12 o'clock M.

Present — C. F. Adams, J. Q. Adams, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Francis, Jenks, Lowell, Lunt, Paige, Palfrey, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, and White.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Tuesday, Aug. 26, 1845, 12 M. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. J. M. Gillis, Levi Woodbury, Joshua A. Ward, and from J. Q. Adams, of the Society.

* This paper was not printed in the Society's Collections, but may be found in the Historical and Genealogical Register, Vol. II. pp. 168-171. — Eds.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Mr. William M. Porter, of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, accompanying the donation of some military papers of the Revolution, tendered at the last June meeting.

The President communicated a donation from Charles Hosmer, Esq., of Hartford, Connecticut, of a box wrought from the Charter Oak. Whereupon, it was

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to Mr. Hosmer for his interesting donation.

The President also communicated a donation from Richard Almack, Esq., of a work by his brother, Barugh Almack, upon the Agriculture of Norfolk. Also, a printed copy, from the Collections of the Society of Antiquaries in London, of a lease of what is now Covent Garden, from the Earl of Bedford to Sir William Cecil, in the time of Queen Elizabeth, A.D. 1570.

No communications were received from the First Section.

Present—The President, J. Q. Adams, I. P. Davis, Lowell, Paige, Ripley, White, and Willard.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Sept. 25, 1845, 12 M. The President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Rev. Mr. FELT was chosen Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Rev., Henry Colman, of London, the Government of the United States, Mr. George H. Child, and Messrs. I. P. Davis and Quincy, of the Society.

R. R. Waldron, Esq., of the United States Navy, a descendant of Major Waldron, of Dover, New Hampshire, deposited with the Society the "strong-box" of Father Ralle, taken by Colonel Westbrook in 1721.

A communication from the Governor of Connecticut and a Resolve of the General Assembly of that State were read, requesting that the Trumbull papers held by this Society should be given up to them.*

* The following are the communication and resolve referred to : —

"STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

"OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,
HARTFORD, Sept. 17, 1845.

"REV. JOSEPH B. FELT, Secretary [Librarian] of the
Massachusetts Historical Society, &c.

"SIR, — In order to make known to the Massachusetts Historical Society the views entertained by the General Assembly of this State, in relation to the correspondence, papers, &c., of the late Governor Trumbull, I have been requested by His Excellency Governor Baldwin to transmit to you the foregoing copy of a resolution, and to request that the same, together with this communication, may be laid before the Society.

"Should that body yield to the wishes of the General Assembly, I am authorized by Governor Baldwin to receive the documents referred to in the resolution, and to repay any and all expenses which the Society may have incurred in connection therewith.

"I am, Sir, with great respect, your most obedient servant,

"DANIEL P. TYLER, *Secretary of State.*"

"GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, holden at Hartford, in said State, on the first Wednesday in May, A.D. 1845.

"Whereas, it is understood and believed by the General Assembly now in session, that numerous official letters and valuable correspondence intimately connected with executive and legislative acts of this State, during an important and interesting period of its history, was collected by His Excellency Governor Trumbull, during his administration, and which, in the opinion of this Assem-

After some discussion, the President and Messrs. QUINCY and I. P. DAVIS were chosen a committee to take the communication into consideration, and report thereupon.

Rev. Dr. PIERCE communicated a letter from Abraham Hilliard, Esq., of Cambridge, executor of the last will of the late William Winthrop, Esq., of Cambridge, asking information as to sundry "collateral writings" made by Mr. Winthrop, and accompanying his manuscript catalogue of the graduates of Harvard University, which Mr. Hilliard states that he lent to the late Rev. Dr. Holmes for the accommodation of the Historical Society.*

bly, ought to have been deposited in the office of the Secretary of this State, but are now in the possession of the Massachusetts Historical Society; and,

"Whereas, it is proper and desirable that said documents, &c., be obtained from said Society and deposited with the Secretary of this State; therefore,

"Resolved, that His Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby requested to adopt such measures as may be proper and expedient to obtain possession of the letters, correspondence, and documents above referred to, and the same to deposit for safe-keeping in the office of the Secretary of this State, in Hartford."

"STATE OF CONNECTICUT, s.s.

"OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE.

"I hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true copy of record in this office.

"In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said State at Hartford, this 17th day of September, A.D., 1845.

[Seal.]

"DANIEL P. TYLER, *Secretary of State.*"

EDS.

* The following is Mr. Hilliard's letter. The catalogue referred to in the letter was given by Mr. Hilliard to Harvard College. The "collateral writings" are in the Library of this Society.

"CAMBRIDGE, July 30th, 1845.

"The late Rev. Dr. Holmes, several years before his death, solicited me, as executor of the last will of the late Hon. William Winthrop, Esq., to loan to him, said Holmes, for the accommodation of the Historical Society, said Winthrop's catalogue of the graduates in Harvard University. I consented to lend

Whereupon, Messrs. PIERCE, FELT, and PAIGE were chosen a committee to report upon the subject.

On motion of Hon. J. Q. ADAMS, Judge DAVIS was chosen to write a biographical sketch of the late Judge Story, and he gave notice that he would take the subject of the appointment into consideration, and duly inform the Society of his determination.*

Present—The President, J. Q. Adams, Appleton, Chandler, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Frothingham, Gibbs, Paige, Palfrey, Pierce, Quincy, Shattuck, and White.

said catalogue and the numerous collateral writings to Dr. Holmes, on his giving me his receipt promising to return them to me on demand. In the lifetime of Dr. Holmes, I requested him to return to me the catalogue and collateral writings. He returned the catalogue only, and said that, when he applied for the catalogue, he could not find the collateral writings, but that he would soon search for them and return them. He never did return them. I am now desirous of regaining the possession of those collateral papers, which ought to accompany the catalogue. There were two files of those writings, some of which were short memoranda made by said Winthrop, when he first obtained the information, and others were communications of considerable length made by other antiquaries to said Winthrop. A considerable number of those writings contained more than said Winthrop had room for in his catalogue. The gentleman now editing the catalogue for the University is desirous of examining said writings. You, Sir, are more familiarly acquainted with the affairs and Library of said Society than any other gentleman with whom I am acquainted. I therefore address you on this subject. When you shall be in the Library of said Society, if you will make inquiry for those writings, and, if you shall ascertain where they are, give me information, you will much oblige me.

“ABRAHAM HILLIARD.

Eds.

“REV. DR. PIERCE.”

* Judge Joseph Story, elected in April, 1816, died Sept. 10, 1845. At the October meeting Judge Davis declined the appointment to prepare a memoir, and the duty was assigned to Mr. Hillard, whose memoir is in the Proceedings for April, 1868, pp. 176-205. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Oct. 30, 1845, 12 M. The President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Mr. FELT was chosen Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from J. Wingate Thornton, Esq., Mr. Elijah Clark, Major James D. Graham, O. Rich, the Pennsylvania Historical Society, David L. Swain, LL.D., P. de Angelis, and from the President of the Society.

Letters from Messrs. Swain and Angelis were read.

The Standing Committee nominated for Resident Members, Rev. Chandler Robbins and Mr. Francis Bowen, *vice* Mr. Saltonstall, deceased, and Mr. Peabody, removed from the State.

Judge DAVIS having communicated his answer, declining to prepare a biographical sketch of the late Judge Story, it was, on his nomination,

Voted, That George S. Hillard, Esq., be requested to prepare the same.*

The President nominated Benjamin F. Thompson, Esq., of New York, for election as a Corresponding Member.

On motion of I. P. DAVIS, Esq.,

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to O. Rich, Esq.,

* See *ante*, p. 324, note *. — Eds.

of London, for his valuable donation of "Marquette and Joliet's Voyage of Discovery" to some parts of America.*

The President, from the Third Section, communicated some Revolutionary poetry on the destruction of the tea in Boston; also, the Resolutions of the merchants assembled in Boston in 1779, concerning the paper currency; and a printed paper from the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection, and Safety to Marblehead, on the same subject.†

Voted, That Mr. Paige have the use of "Flynt's Diary" for one week.

Hon. J. Q. ADAMS stated to the Society that, by reason of ill health, he had been prevented from delivering a lecture on the history of patents, &c., as he had proposed.

An obligation from the former firm of Thomas & Andrews to James Sullivan, Esq., in relation to Sullivan's "History of Maine," bearing date April 4, 1794, was communicated to the Society; and it was

Voted, That Mr. I. P. Davis be a committee to ascertain the facts regarding it.

Present — The President, J. Q. Adams, Blagden, Codman, I. P. Davis, J. Davis, Felt, Lowell, Lunt, Paige, Pierce, White, Worcester, and Young.

* The title of this volume, which is a *fac-simile* of the original edition of Thevenot, 1681, and one of a hundred and twenty-five copies reprinted for Mr. Rich in 1845, is as follows: —

"Voyage et Découverte de quelques Pays et Nations de l'Amérique Septentrionale, par le P. Marquette et Sr. Joliet. À Paris, chez Estienne Michallet, rue S. Jaques à l'Image S. Paul. M. DC. LXXXI. Avec privilège du Roy." — Eds.

† It is not certain that these several papers were communicated to the archives of the Society. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Dec. 4, 1845, 12 M. Meeting held this day, the annual Thanksgiving having occurred on the day of the stated meeting,* — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Charles Atwood, J. Wingate Thornton, Esq., H. Newman, Dr. James Mease, Hon. George P. Marsh, and from Daniel P. King, Rev. John L. Sibley, Professor Sparks, Andrews Norton, and from Mr. Winthrop, of the Society.

An autograph letter from Hendrick Aupaumut, one of the Stockbridge tribe of Indians, to the Rev. Mr. Sargent, the missionary, dated "Oneida, Nov. 6, 1793," relating to a meeting of various Indian tribes near the mouth of the River Miamee, concerning boundaries, &c., was referred to the Publishing Committee.† This letter was presented by Professor Norton.

Mr. I. P. DAVIS, the Committee on the obligation of the former firm of Thomas & Andrews to the late Governor Sullivan, reported verbally that he had conferred with the son of Mr. Andrews, who had no doubt that it had been paid. The matter being of very ancient date, and without evidence beyond the obligation itself, no further action was had thereupon by the Society.

The President communicated a letter from S. G. Deeth, a bookseller in New York, proposing an ex-

* This record is headed "November meeting." — Eds.

† This letter does not appear to have been published by the Committee, and we do not find it on file. By the "River Miamee" was probably intended that now called the "Maumee."

change of the volumes of the "American Annual Register" for those of this Society, as set forth in his letter. Whereupon, it was

Voted, To refer the subject to the Librarian, with full power to act in the premises as to the present volumes of the Society's Collections, without binding the Society for future volumes.

Dr. Francis had leave granted to take from the Library the manuscript copy of Eliot's "Christian Commonwealth," and to keep the same for one month.

Rev. CHANDLER ROBBINS and Mr. FRANCIS BOWEN were chosen Resident Members, *vice* Mr. Saltonstall, deceased, and Mr. Peabody, removed from the State.

BENJAMIN F. THOMPSON, Esq., was chosen a Corresponding Member.

On motion of the President,

Voted, That the Standing Committee report at the next meeting upon the expediency of applying to the Legislature for an alteration of the charter, so as to allow an increase in the number of members.

The President, from the Committee on the claim of the General Assembly of Connecticut for a return of the Trumbull papers, made a report. After some discussion thereupon, it was

Voted, To recommit the report to the same Committee.

The Standing Committee nominated Rev. John L. Sibley, of Cambridge, as a candidate for election as Resident Member, *vice* Mr. Justice Story, deceased.

No communications were received from members of the First Section.

Present — The President, C. F. Adams, Chandler, I. P. Davis, Ellis, Felt, Francis, Frothingham, F. C.

Gray, Hillard, Lamson, Paige, Pierce, Quincy, Shattuck, Ticknor, Welles, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Jan. 1, 1846, 12 M. Meeting held this day, Christmas happening on the stated day of meeting,* — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

Donations were communicated by the Librarian from Rev. Dr. Parkman, Rev. Mr. Budington, Mr. S. G. Deeth, the Government of the United States, the American Philosophical Society, the Kentucky Historical Society, and Mr. Winthrop, of this Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Mr. J. P. Tracy, of Williamsburg, Massachusetts, accompanying a copy of a letter written during Philip's War by one John Sharpe, of Muddy River.†

* The record of this meeting is headed "December meeting." — Eds.

† This letter is printed in the *Historical and Genealogical Register*, Vol. X. p. 65, with some unimportant variations from the Society's copy.

Mr. Savage has written beneath this letter: —

"I presume the writer of the above to be the Lieutenant Sharpe who was killed 18th April following, with Captain Wadsworth, by the Indians, at Sudbury. Dr. Pierce can tell. The letter must be printed. J. S."

Dr. Pierce then writes as follows: —

"It was Robert Sharp, brother of John Sharp, who was killed by the Indians, in Sudbury.

"1. The John Sharp, writer of the above letter,

"2. Was father of Martha Sharp, who married Joseph Buckminster, a farmer in Brookline, who moved to Framingham;

"3. Grandfather of Joseph Buckminster, who lived and died a farmer, in Framingham;

"4. Great-grandfather of the Rev. Joseph Buckminster, of Rutland;

The President, from the Standing Committee, to whom it was referred to report upon the expediency of applying to the Legislature for an alteration of the charter, so as to allow an increase in the number of members, made a report upon the subject, which was referred to the next meeting; and the Recording Secretary was directed to give notice to the members of the Society that the subject would then be considered.

The President, from the Committee on the subject of the Trumbull papers, made a report, taken into a new draft; and it was

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary communicate a copy thereof to the Secretary of State of Connecticut.*

"5. Great-great-grandfather of the Rev. Joseph Buckminster, D.D., Portsmouth, New Hampshire;

"6. Great-great-great-grandfather of the Rev. Joseph S. Buckminster, of Brattle Square Church, Boston;

"7. Great-great-great-great-grandfather of the Rev. S. K. Lothrop's children, Boston.

"I know the spot where John Sharp's house stood. William Sharp, son of John, moved to Pomfret, Connecticut, the descendants of whom are living in Pomfret and Brooklyn, Connecticut.

"The name of Sharp, among the magnates of our ancestors, is now extinct, in Brookline, by the death of Stephen Sharp, Esq., an old bachelor, 22d July, 1820, *æt.* seventy-two.

"We have, however, several descendants, of other names, of Robert Sharp, who, with his brother John, came from Dorchester to Muddy River, in the early settlement of the place.

"We have now among us several fifth cousins of Mrs. Thomas Lee and the Rev. Mrs. S. K. Lothrop, by the name of Clark and Croft.

"Attest.

JOHN PIERCE,

For forty-nine years fifth pastor of the First Congregational Church in Brookline, Massachusetts."

Ens.

* The following is the Committee's report : —

"The Committee to whom was referred the resolve of the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut in May last, relative to the letters and documents called the 'Trumbull Papers,' in the possession of the Massachusetts Historical Society, having given that respectful consideration to the subject which its

Mr. LUNT presented a copy of the early records of the First Church in Plymouth.*

importance requires, and the high origin of the subject would naturally attract, report, —

"That in the preamble to the resolve by the Legislature of that State it is assumed that numerous official letters and valuable correspondence, intimately connected with the executive and legislative acts of the State during an important and interesting period of its history, was collected by His Excellency Governor Trumbull during his administration, which, in the opinion of the Assembly, ought to have been deposited in the office of the Secretary of that State; and, thereupon, by said resolve, the Governor is requested to adopt measures proper to obtain possession of the same, and them to deposit for safe-keeping in the office of the Secretary in Hartford; that it would hardly be presumed that the Governor of any independent Commonwealth would have withdrawn from the public archives large masses of official original documents, and transported the same a distance of many miles from the seat of government, where the same of right belonged, unto his own home in a remote town, especially when it must be probably apparent, from the nature of the papers, that they were so withdrawn at several times, particularly when, as in the papers under consideration, the case would show there can be no connection between most of them, being of dates widely separate by an interval of more than a century; that such improbability is rendered stronger in the matter before us by the facts that this collection was surely the gathering of near half a century, made by the elder Governor Trumbull, who died in 1785, and these papers, so gathered, had remained at the residence of the Governor in Lebanon, after his death, nearly ten years, in possession of his family, when they were delivered, without distinction between one part and another, to this Society, having been, by letter of April 15, 1794, from David Trumbull, Esq., son of the said Governor, at Lebanon, to our Corresponding Secretary, the venerable Jeremy Belknap, D.D., offered, in the name of the family, as a donation to this Society, — more especially as the writer in his letter states it to have been the intention of his father to preserve the collection for some public institution, as materials for a part of American history, and this Society was not for so many as seven years after his death first formed, nor incorporated for two years more, our charter bearing date but a few weeks before that of the letter of David Trumbull, whence it may be concluded, beyond any reasonable doubt, that these papers were by the illustrious collector in his lifetime, and by his family afterwards, regarded as his private property; that from our own records it appears plainly that these papers had been received by our said Corresponding Secretary in the year 1794 or 1796, who, it is believed, went personally for the purpose to Lebanon, and in this latter year had correspondence, we know, about portions of their contents with the Hon. Jonathan Trumbull, then a

* The earlier part of these records was printed by the Rev. Alexander Young in his "Chronicles of the Pilgrim Fathers," Boston, 1841, pp. 3-108. See also the Preface to that work. — Eds.

The Secretary of the Commonwealth presented a communication in relation to the Commonwealth's claim

Senator of the United States, afterwards many years Governor of Connecticut; and that, since the same papers came into the hands of Dr. Belknap (who died in 1798) until the present time, they have always remained in possession of this Society, in its public Library, without doubt of our property therein; nor, before the application in September last by the letter from the Secretary of the State of Connecticut, was any adverse claim ever supposed or thought of; that on examination of this great mass of papers, which the Society had caused, between forty and fifty years ago, to be bound up in twenty-three folio volumes, the last is found to be wholly comprised of printed sheets, as copies of Orders from the Lords of Trade and Plantations, Proclamations of Governors and others of several States, and similar documents, and the nineteenth alone (the volume lost in the great conflagration of November, 1825) contained papers of earlier dates than 1751, indeed chiefly filled with those of private interest, original or copies, a century older, for the most part, than the earliest date of the remaining volumes; and, beside, the most valuable part of all that volume had been recently printed in the first of third series, being the twenty-first volume of the Collections published by this Society, while the other manuscript volumes are observed to be altogether of the period between 1751 and 1784, inclusive, of which no page has, it is believed, yet been selected for publication, the matter being extremely miscellaneous, the value attaching to which must be ascertained in general one or two hundred years hence, there frequently occurring double copies of letters or instructions from the British Government, always issued in quadruplicate, so that probably one full series of such papers did remain in the archives of the respective colonial governments of Connecticut, Massachusetts, and the rest; that to the students of our early New England history it has long been universally known that no person, since the time of Prince, author of the 'Annals,' had done so much towards the preservation of its original muniments as the first Governor Trumbull, whose assiduous diligence had obtained stores of the correspondence of most of the prominent early settlers of our country in its various colonies, and even two (being the earliest) of the three original manuscripts of the History of New England from 1630 to 1648, by our first Governor Winthrop, that had been in possession of Prince, besides many other papers of the sons and grandsons of this father of the chief Colony, in addition to a vast amount of his own predecessors, and contemporaries in most of the Colonies of New York and New England, in searching for which he would naturally be most successful in his nearest neighborhood, as in these volumes appears, which include many rough, probably incomplete, drafts of letters by the Governors of that Colony, — Law, Wolcott, Fitch, and Pitkin, who had been chief magistrates of Connecticut in regular succession before himself, — yet all of these, including the papers addressed to those predecessors, not amounting in bulk to one sixth part of the papers addressed to Governor Trumbull himself, with his answers; and, lastly, that these papers so addressed would be discovered usually to be private in their nature, or else duplicate or triplicate copies, and, of course, the

of property in the three volumes of Hutchinson Papers in the Society's Library, and which purport to have been "presented to the Society by the permission of the Governor and Council." Whereupon, it was

Voted, To refer the subject to Messrs. Everett, Sparks, and Francis, to report thereupon.*

answers merely to be first plans or copies, not such complete writings as the Secretary, where they were of a public nature, should have preserved in his archives, being the officer of the public in inferior degree, but under equal obligation, as the Governor himself. Wherefore, the Committee conclude with a decided judgment that the opinion of the Assembly of Connecticut that these papers ought to have been deposited in the office of the Secretary of that State is founded on a mistaken assumption; and that the exalted character of Governor Trumbull, and of his four immediate predecessors in the chair of chief magistrate of that Colony, may, in all future time, be confidently referred to as adequate and perfect vindication from the consequence of such assumption; and they recommend, in conclusion, that the trust of this Society in preservation of the papers usually called the 'Trumbull Papers' be ever sacredly fulfilled.

"JAMES SAVAGE, }
 JOSIAH QUINCY, } Committee.
 I. P. DAVIS, }

"BOSTON, Jan. 1, 1846."

EDS.

* The following is Dr. Palfrey's communication:—

"COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

"SECRETARY'S OFFICE, BOSTON,
 Jan. 1st, 1846.

"To the PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS OF THE
 MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

"GENTLEMEN,—In the course of some recent proceedings for the completion and arrangement of the ancient papers in this office, my attention has been drawn to three volumes, called the 'Hutchinson Papers,' now in the Library of the Historical Society. I suppose these papers to have come into our Library by mistake, and to be the property of the Commonwealth.

"They are referred to, in the record of the meeting of the Historical Society on the twenty-seventh day of January, 1820, as having been 'presented to the Society by the permission of the Governor and Council.' I have had a careful examination made of the Council records of the period, and do not find any proceeding of the Governor and Council to this effect. Nor would it have been within the constitutional competency of the Executive Department of the Government. Such a disposition of the papers could only have been made by an

Rev. JOHN L. SIBLEY, of Cambridge, was elected Resident Member, *vice* Mr. Justice Story, deceased.

No communications were received from the members of the Second Section.

Present — The President, J. Davis, Felt, Francis, Hoar, Lincoln, Lowell, Lunt, Palfrey, Sparks, Ripley, Willard, and Worcester.

MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1846.

Thursday, Jan. 29, 1846, 12 M. The President in the chair.

The Recording Secretary being absent, CHARLES F. ADAMS was chosen Recording Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. S. G. Drake, J. P. Dabney, T. R. Marvin, George Hood, John Langdon, Henry H. Crapo, Dr. Jacob Porter, Mr. T. P. Shaffer, Messrs. Appleton, and from Messrs. Lunt, Savage, Palfrey, Bowen, Ticknor, Greenleaf, Codman, and Winthrop, of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter of acceptance from Mr. Sibley.

Act or Resolve of the Legislature, and no law so disposing of them appears to have been passed.

"I have very respectfully to request that an examination may be made into these facts, in order that, if they and my opinion founded upon them be confirmed, the Society may take measures for restoring the volumes in question to the custody of this office.

"I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, with the highest respect, your obedient servant,

"JOHN G. PALFREY."

EDS.

The report of the Committee on the subject of the increase of members, which was postponed to the present meeting, was taken up, and, after discussion, was rejected.*

Mr. TICKNOR presented an anonymous volume of the late William Tudor, for the benefit of the memoir proposed, and it was committed to the Committee appointed at the May meeting upon the subject of a memoir on Mr. Tudor.†

Voted, That the Standing Committee be directed to consider the expediency of making a distinction between quarterly and monthly meetings.

No communications were received from the members of the Third Section.

Present — The President, C. F. Adams, Appleton, Codman, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Frothingham, F. C. Gray, Greenleaf, Hoar, Jenks, Lincoln, Lowell, Lunt, Paige, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Robbins, Shattuck, Sibley, Ticknor, Worcester, and Young.

* The following is the report: —

“HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Jan. 1, 1846.

“The Standing Committee, who were at the last meeting instructed to report at this meeting, ‘upon the expediency of applying to the Legislature for an alteration of the charter, so as to allow an increase in the number of members,’ beg leave to submit the following as their report: —

“The Act of the Legislature incorporating this Society, passed on the 19th of February, 1794, provides, ‘that the members of said Society shall never be more than sixty (except honorary members residing without the limits of this Commonwealth).’

“Your Committee are of opinion, that it is expedient to apply to the Legislature for an act repealing the said clause, and authorizing the Society to regulate, from time to time, the number of its members by its own By-Laws.

“By order of the Committee.

“F. C. GRAY, *Chairman*.”

Eds.

† See Proceedings, Vol. I. p. 432, note. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Feb. 26, 1846, 12 M. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the late Rev. William C. Woodbridge, the New York Historical Society, the New Jersey Historical Society, Hon. William C. Rives, the New York Mercantile Library Association, Alexander H. Everett, Dr. Edward Jarvis, Dr. Albert G. Upham, Richard Frothingham, Rev. Martin Moore, Dorchester Antiquarian and Historical Society, P. H. Hayward, Francis B. Crowninshield, Don Pedro de Angelis, Henry R. Schoolcraft, Daniel P. King, and from Messrs. Savage, Pierce, Greenleaf, and Sparks, of the Society.

Mr. FELT, in the absence of the Corresponding Secretary, communicated the following letters: viz., 1. A letter of acceptance from Mr. Bowen. 2. A letter from Mr. Benjamin P. Poore, in relation to his doings in obtaining copies of documents from the French archives. 3. A letter from Hon. John Jay, Domestic Corresponding Secretary of the New York Historical Society, in behalf of that Society, stating that "the Congress of the United States contemplate printing only one hundred copies of the several volumes on scientific subjects, prepared from the materials collected by the exploring expedition"; and that the Society have passed a resolution, appointing "a committee of three, — viz., Hon. Benjamin F. Butler, Professor John McVicar, D.D., and Hon. John McKean, — to prepare a respectful memorial

to Congress, soliciting them to extend the number of the several works not yet published, so as to furnish copies to the various institutions of learning and literary and scientific societies of the country"; and praying the co-operation of the Massachusetts Historical Society in this application. Whereupon, it was

Voted, That Hon. Nathan Appleton, William H. Prescott, Esq., and Hon. Charles F. Adams be a committee with full power to co-operate with the New York Historical Society in the foregoing application.

The President communicated from the Hon. Daniel P. King, of the House of Representatives in Congress, a copy of a bill reported by him from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, "for the erection of a monument in memory of General Joseph Warren." *

Voted, That the Committee on the Index to the third decade of the Society's Collections be enlarged by the addition of two members.

* The following is the bill reported by Mr. King:—

"TWENTY-NINTH CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION.
H. R. 176. (Report No. 167.)

"Jan. 30, 1846. Read and committed to the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union.

"Mr. Daniel P. King, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, reported the following bill:—

"A BILL for the erection of a monument in memory of General Joseph Warren.

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the Treasurer of the Massachusetts Historical Society the sum of two thousand dollars, whenever, within two years from the seventeenth of June, eighteen hundred and forty-six, it shall be made to appear to said Secretary that a suitable monument has been erected, under the direction of said Society, to the memory of General Joseph Warren, who was slain in the battle of Bunker Hill."

For a history of what has been done towards erecting monuments to General Warren, see Frothingham's "Life and Times of Joseph Warren," p. 547.—Eds.

Messrs. PAIGE and LINCOLN were chosen as additional members. Mr. Paige having been excused at his own request, Mr. CHARLES F. ADAMS was chosen in his stead.

Voted, That the Committee on the Index to the third decade be requested to report to the Society on the subject-matter of preparing the index as soon as may be.

Mr. C. F. ADAMS, from the First Section, read an interesting letter from the late Hon. Joseph Hawley to the late President John Adams, dated July 25, 1774.*

Present—The President, C. F. Adams, Appleton, Blagden, Bowen, I. P. Davis, Felt, Frothingham, Lamson, Lincoln, Minot, Paige, Pierce, Quincy, Robbins, Sibley, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, March 26, 1846, 12 M. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Charles Brown, Rev. Levi W. Leonard, Boston Mercantile Library Association, J. Wingate Thornton, the American Philosophical Society, Hon. John Davis, of Worcester, Mr. Somerby, H. C. Decanver, Messrs. Rich & Sons, George Folsom, James Loring, J. H. Eastburn, and from Messrs. Sparks, Winthrop, and Willard, of the Society.

Mr. APPLETON, from the Committee on the proposition of the New York Historical Society, introduced at

* Now printed in *Life and Letters of John Adams*, IX. 342. — Eps.

the last meeting, reported verbally that the Committee have prepared a memorial to Congress, and have forwarded the same to Hon. J. Q. Adams, of the House of Representatives, and a copy thereof to the Secretary of State.

On motion of the President,

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to O. Rich, Esq., of London, for the valuable donation of a copy of his "*Bibliotheca Americana Nova*," 1846.

The Corresponding Secretary being necessarily absent from the meeting, it was further

Voted, That the President be directed to communicate a copy of the vote of thanks to Mr. Rich.

Voted, That this copy of the "*Bibliotheca Americana Nova*," and also the previous publications of Mr. Rich upon the same subject, be inhibited from being taken out of the Library, and that the Librarian make a proper memorandum to that effect.

Voted, That the Librarian send a copy of the last volume of the Collections to Mr. Rich, and one also to Colonel Aspinwall.

The President communicated from Mr. Bancroft a copy of the "Petition of Randall Howlden and John Greene to the Committee of Trade and Plantations." *

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the bills for printing Vol. IX., third series, as approved by the Publishing Committee.

Also, *voted*, That he be authorized to borrow for the Society the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars; not exceeding that sum.

* The occasion of the presentation of this paper, of ten folio pages, whose date was about February, 1879, was a recent discussion growing out of a misapprehension of the historian Grahame, who erroneously attributed the language of Holden and Greene, agents of the Colony of Rhode Island in England, to John Clarke, also a colony agent at an earlier period. See Grahame, *History of the United States*, I. 317; Quincy, *Memory of the late James Grahame Vindicated*, pp. 7, 14-20; Bancroft, in *Boston Courier*, March 4, 1846; Palfrey, *History of New England*, III. 431; Arnold, *History of Rhode Island*, I. 375.—Eds.

Messrs. F. C. GRAY and CHANDLER were appointed a committee to consider the subject of reprinting the deficient volumes of the Society's Collections, and to devise ways and means therefor.

Voted, That the Librarian be directed to require of the bookseller who sells the Society's printed volumes, to charge one dollar and twenty-five cents per volume for any number less than a series, and one dollar per volume for each series.

Voted, That a committee be appointed by the President's nomination for publishing Vol. X., third series.

Messrs. F. C. GRAY, ROBERT C. WINTHROP, CHARLES F. ADAMS, and N. L. FROTHINGHAM were accordingly appointed.

Judge Davis sent to the meeting a nomination of Richard, Lord Braybrooke, of Audley End, Essex, England, for Corresponding Member.

No communications were received from the members of the Second Section.

Messrs. F. C. GRAY and I. P. DAVIS were chosen to audit the Treasurer's accounts for the year ending in April next.

Present—The President, Adams, Appleton, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Frothingham, F. C. Gray, Lamson, Paige, Pierce, Quincy, Shattuck, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1846.

Thursday, May 7, 12 M. The April meeting was held this day (the inauguration of the President of the University falling on the regular day of the meeting), — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Recording Secretary, in the absence of the Corresponding Secretary, communicated letters from the Historical Societies of New Jersey and Kentucky.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. James Loring, Edward Jarvis, H. E. Ludewig, Henry Newman, Nathaniel Perkins, H. G. Somerby, John F. Watson, the Ohio Historical Society, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the American Philosophical Society, the State of New York, and from Messrs. Savage, Everett, Bowen, Bancroft, and Winthrop, of the Society.

Mr. C. F. ADAMS was appointed one of the Committee on the Treasurer's accounts, *vice* Mr. Davis, not then present. The Committee reported as follows, viz. : —

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of P. W. Chandler, the Treasurer of the Society, have performed that duty, and report that the accounts are well kept, properly vouched, and correctly cast, and that there appears to be a balance due to the Society of sixty-three dollars and forty-six cents.*

F. C. GRAY, } *Committee.*
C. F. ADAMS, }

MAY 7, 1846.

* The receipts were \$234.07. Of this sum \$149.90 appear to be for assessments, \$45.32 for sales of publications, and \$38.85 from Rev. J. B. Felt on ac-

Mr. J. C. GRAY, from the Committee on reprinting the deficient volumes of the Collections, made a report in favor thereof, recommending "that a subscription paper be presented on behalf of the Society to gentlemen likely to favor the object." The report was read and accepted, and is on file.

Voted, That the same Committee stand charged with the execution of the recommendation.

RICHARD, Lord BRAYBROOKE, of Audley End, Essex, England, was elected Corresponding Member, — Messrs. FROTHINGHAM and C. F. ADAMS, Scrutinizing Committee.

The Society then proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year, — Messrs. LAMSON and SIBLEY, Scrutinizing Committee. The Committee reported that the following gentlemen were unanimously chosen, viz. : —

JAMES SAVAGE	PRESIDENT.
JOSEPH WILLARD	RECORDING SECRETARY.
CHARLES LOWELL	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JOSEPH B. FELT	LIBRARIAN.
PELEG W. CHANDLER	TREASURER.
ISAAC P. DAVIS	CABINET-KEEPER.
F. C. GRAY	} STANDING COMMITTEE.
CONVERS FRANCIS	
ALEXANDER YOUNG	
GEORGE TICKNOR	
JOSEPH WILLARD	

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to keep a separate account of all moneys received from sales of the Society's Collections.

Voted, That Messrs. Frothingham, Blagden, and Robbins be a committee to consider the expediency of obtaining for this Society

count. The payments amounted to \$210.19. Of this sum \$100 were for lining and restoring portraits, and \$110.19 for miscellaneous expenses. — Eds.

a transcript of the records of the first fifty years of the First, Second, and Third Churches in Boston, or such parts thereof as may usefully be given.

The President communicated to the Society a letter from the Secretary of the State of Connecticut, and a copy of a letter to the Secretary from His Excellency Roger S. Baldwin, relating to the claim of that State to the Trumbull manuscripts. After a slight discussion, the subject was postponed to the next meeting, on motion of Judge DAVIS.*

* The following are the papers received from the Secretary of State of Connecticut:—

“STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

“OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,
HARTFORD, April 29th, 1846.

“To the MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

“I had the honor duly to receive a copy of the report of your Committee concerning ‘The Trumbull Papers’ in January last, which, with an accompanying letter, I transmitted to His Excellency Governor Baldwin, at New Haven, and from whom I last week received a communication, of which the enclosed is a copy.

“Copies of the documents referred to by Governor Baldwin are also appended.

“DANIEL P. TYLER, *Secretary of State.*”

“NEW HAVEN, April 14th, 1846.

“SIR, — Your letter of the 13th of February, transmitting to me a copy of the report of a committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society, in relation to the Trumbull papers referred to in the resolution of the General Assembly at their last session, was duly received. It appears by the report of the Committee that those papers were received by the Society from David Trumbull, Esq., a son of Governor Trumbull, in the year 1794 or 1795; that they consisted, until the loss of one of them by fire in 1825, of twenty-three volumes, comprising papers principally relating to transactions between the years 1751 and 1785, including the voluminous correspondence of Governor Trumbull and his contemporaries, during a deeply interesting period of our history, and a portion, at least, of that of his predecessors, Governors Law, Wolcott, Fitch, and Pitkin.

“The Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society appear not to have been aware of the usage which has immemorially prevailed in this State, for the Governor to retain in his own possession the papers pertaining to the executive department during the period of his administration. Had this fact been

No communications were received from the members of the Third Section.

known to them, they would scarcely have deemed it necessary to refer to the exalted characters of Governor Trumbull and his predecessors to vindicate them from the consequence of what the Committee regard as a mistaken assumption by the General Assembly. So far is it from being matter of disparagement to the memories of those illustrious men that public documents of the description of these should have been found among their papers at their decease, or have passed at the expiration of their terms of office into the hands of their successors, that the fact is, on the contrary, in exact accordance with what any one who was conversant with the prevailing usage would naturally have anticipated. But, although this usage alone would satisfactorily account for the accumulation of a vast amount of correspondence and other official documents in the hands of Governor Trumbull during his long and eventful administration, it also appears by the public records of the Colony (Vol. XI. p. 9) that, at the session of the General Assembly in May, 1771, he was 'desired,' by a special resolution, 'to collect all the public letters and papers which might thereafter in any manner affect the interests of the Colony, and have the same bound together, that they might be preserved.'

"At the preceding session, in October, 1770, Gurdon Saltonstall and Joseph Trumbull, a son of the Governor, had been appointed 'to inquire after and collect all the public letters and other papers relating to the affairs of this Colony which properly belonged to the Colony, in whose custody soever the same might be found, *except* those in the hands of his Honor the *present* Governor or in the Secretary's office, and properly sort, arrange, and file the same, according to the order of the time in which they were written, and write on each file the sort of papers it contains and the year they belong to, and lodge the same with the Secretary.' (Col. Rec., Vol. X. p. 533.)

"In the execution of this authority, Joseph Trumbull addressed a letter to Governor Fitch, of which a copy is preserved among the papers in the Connecticut Historical Society's collection, filed, in his handwriting, 'Copy to Governor Fitch, May, 1771,' of the tenor following, viz.:—

"HARTFORD, 6th June, 1771.

"HON. SIR,—Colonel Saltonstall and myself were, by the General Assembly, in October last, appointed to collect all the papers, books, &c., belonging to the Colony, sort and file them in order, and lodge them in the Secretary's office. I have collected the most or all I could find or hear of, except those in your Honor's keeping, which the distance and difficulty of transportation during the winter has prevented. And now I know not what quantity, or what method to take to get them. I have, therefore, desired the favor of Mr. Thomas Belden to wait on your Honor, and consult the most convenient and least expensive manner of transportation, and advise me accordingly. Your Honor's advice and assistance in this matter will greatly oblige me.

"Your Honor's most obedient humble servant,

JOS. TRUMBULL.'

"This letter was written six years after Governor Fitch had retired from office, and furnishes evidence that the official papers in his possession at the

Present—The President, C. F. Adams, Appleton, Chandler, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Frothing-

close of his administration had not then been withdrawn. It was written, also, just after the passing of the resolution of May, 1771, desiring Governor Trumbull to collect and bind together, for preservation, all the public letters and papers which might thereafter affect the interests of the Colony. The documents which the former Committee were then engaged in collecting would, therefore, necessarily pass into the hands of Governor Trumbull, under that resolution. And when it is borne in mind that these collections were made by the agency of his son, Joseph Trumbull, alone, as appears by the letter of that gentleman to Governor Fitch, there seems to be little reason to doubt that the papers of the former administrations which were found with Governor Trumbull's, at his decease (except such as may be presumed to have come to him, on his accession to office, from his immediate predecessor), were the result of the collections which were made by the special direction of the General Assembly.

"I think it will be well for you to suggest these views to the Massachusetts Historical Society, and to transmit to them copies of the resolutions of the General Assembly to which reference has been made.

"I cannot but hope that, on a careful reconsideration of this matter, the Society will be convinced that the papers in question of right belong to the State of Connecticut, and ought to be deposited in our public archives.

"Very respectfully yours,

"ROGER S. BALDWIN.

"HON. DANIEL P. TYLER,
Secretary of State of Connecticut."

"Anno Regni Regis Georgii Tertii 11mo.

"At a General Assembly of the Governor and Company of His Majesty's English Colony of Connecticut in New England in America, holden at Hartford, in said Colony, on the second Thursday of May, being the ninth day of said month, and continued by several adjournments until the seventh day of June next following, Annoque Domini 1771, —

"Resolved, by this Assembly, that His Honor the Governor be desired to collect all the public letters and papers which may hereafter in any way affect the interests of this Colony, and have the same bound together, that they may be preserved."

"Anno Regni Georgii Tertii Regis 10mo.

"At a General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the Colony of Connecticut in New England in America, holden at New Haven, in said Colony, on the second Thursday of October, and continued by several adjournments to the second day of November next following, Annoque Domini 1770, —

"This Assembly do appoint Gurdon Saltonstall, Esq., and Captain Joseph Trumbull to inquire after and collect all the public letters and other papers relating to the affairs of this Colony which properly belong to the Colony, in whose custody soever the same may be found, except those in the hands of His Honor the present Governor or in the Secretary's office, and properly sort,

ham, F. C. Gray, Jenks, Lamson, Ripley, Robbins, Sibley, White, Willard, and Young.

JOSEPH WILLARD,

• *Recording Secretary.*

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, May 28, 1846, 12 M. The May meeting was held this day, — the President in the chair.

The Recording Secretary being absent, Rev. CHANDLER ROBBINS was appointed Recording Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the State of Massachusetts, the family of Rev. Dr. Belknap,* Messrs. James Savage, Josiah Quincy, Jr., O. Rich, of London, Dr. Thomas H. Webb, John Davis, of Boston, J. L. Sibley, S. Lincoln, Josiah Quincy, F. Brinley, R. C. Winthrop, and A. H. Palmer.

Voted, That the further consideration of the communications from the State of Connecticut be referred to the same Committee which reported on the subject in December last.

I. P. Davis having asked to be excused from serving on this Committee, his request was granted, and F. C. GRAY was appointed in his stead.

FRANCIS C. GRAY, from the Committee charged with

arrange, and file the same, according to the order of the time in which they were written, and write on each file the sort of papers it contains and the year they belong to, and lodge the same with the Secretary." — Eds.

* The Donation Book simply records "Papers from the family of Rev. Dr. Belknap." — Eds.

reprinting the deficient volumes of the Society's Collections, and obtaining subscriptions in favor of the object, reported verbally that the Committee had been successful in raising the whole amount required, and presented a paper, which, by a vote of the Society, is here transcribed : —

We, the undersigned, severally promise to pay the sums set against our names respectively to the Treasurer of the Massachusetts Historical Society, for the reprinting of certain volumes of said Society's Collections : —

N. Appleton	One hundred dollars.
Abbott Lawrence	" "
J. A. Lowell	" "
P. C. Brooks	" "
Samuel Appleton	" "
David Sears	" "
Thomas H. Perkins	" "
John Welles	" "
William Appleton, by F. C. Gray .	" "
William Sturgis, by F. C. Gray .	" "
S. A. Eliot	" "
J. C. Gray	" "
T. W. Ward	" "
John Eliot Thayer	" "
Josiah Quincy	Fifty dollars.
Francis C. Lowell	" "
Robert G. Shaw	" "
William H. Prescott, by F. C. Gray	" "
William Lawrence, by F. C. Gray .	" "
Eben Francis, by F. C. Gray . . .	" "

(For the next volume, if not needed for the reprint.)

F. C. Gray One hundred dollars.

Voted, That the Secretary send a note to each of the subscribers to the fund for reprinting the deficient volumes of the Collections, who is not a member, expressing the thanks of the Society for his liberal donation to that fund, and informing him that he is authorized hence-

forth to exercise the same right of taking out books from the Library of the Society as any of its members; and that any persons introduced to the Librarian by a note from him will have free access to the Library for six months, which permission may be renewed as often as he shall see fit.

The Treasurer stated that he had procured by subscription from several members of the Society the sum of three hundred and twenty-five dollars, to be appropriated to the payment of the debt contracted by the Society for printing the last volume of the Collections, amounting to three hundred and thirteen dollars and seventeen cents.

Judge WHITE, by a few appropriate remarks, called the attention of the Society to the death of their late respected associate, the Hon. John Pickering; and, after having paid a brief tribute to his memory, offered the following vote, which was unanimously adopted:—

Voted, That William H. Prescott be appointed to prepare a memoir of the life and character of the Hon. John Pickering for the Society's Collections.*

The Corresponding Secretary mentioned to the meeting that he had long had in his possession certain boxes of plants, the property of this Society, which, he was under the impression, had once been offered to the Natural History Society, although he could not refer to any vote to that effect; and he therefore asked the direction of the Society in regard to their disposal. The matter was referred to the Corresponding Secretary and Mr. I. P. DAVIS.

* The Hon. John Pickering was a member of the Society from 1818 to 1831, and again from 1835 until his death, May 5, 1846. Mr. Prescott's memoir of him is in 3 Collections, Vol. X. pp. 204-224. — Eds.

No communications were received from the members of the First Section.

Present—The President, C. F. Adams, Austin, Chandler, I. P. Davis, F. C. Gray, J. C. Gray, Lincoln, Lowell, Quincy, Robbins, White, and Worcester.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, June 25, 1846, 12 M. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from M. Jomard, of Paris, Mr. J. Peel Dabney, Henry Onderdonk, Jr., Rev. William Newell, Hon. J. T. Morehead, Don Pedro de Angelis, and from Messrs. Everett, Quincy, Winthrop, Sibley, and Greenleaf, of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a donation of a copy of the address of Hon. James T. Morehead before the Kentucky Historical Society. Also, a letter from Don Pedro de Angelis, of Buenos Ayres, accompanied with a donation, being a continuation of the narrative of the mission of W. G. Ouseley and Baron Deffaudis.* Also, a communication from the New York Historical Society, requesting the co-operation of this Society in a memorial to Congress, in favor of reducing the duties on foreign books, maps, charts, &c., and

* For the title of the documents presented by Don Pedro de Angelis at this time and previously, see the printed catalogue, under "Argentine Confederation."—Eds.

remonstrating especially against any abridgment of the privilege of importing books and other articles free of duty now enjoyed by the Philosophical Societies, colleges, academies, and schools.

Whereupon, Messrs. GREENLEAF, JENKS, and C. F. ADAMS were appointed to co-operate with the New York Historical Society in their memorial.

Subsequently, at the meeting, Mr. GREENLEAF reported that the Committee had adopted the New York memorial as the form for this Society, and would forward the same to Hon. J. Q. Adams, to be presented to Congress.

The Librarian and Treasurer were authorized in their discretion to expend a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars in binding the pamphlets in the Library.

The Standing Committee nominated Richard Frothingham, Jr., of Charlestown, for Resident Member, *vice* Hon. John Pickering, deceased.

Present — The President, C. F. Adams, Chandler, I. P. Davis, Ellis, Felt, Francis, Greenleaf, Jenks, Lamson, Lowell, Lunt, Minot, Palfrey, Pierce, Ripley, Robbins, Sibley, White, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, July 30, 1846, 12 M. The President being absent, the Hon. F. C. GRAY was chosen President *pro tem.*; and, in the absence of the Recording Secretary, J. L. SIBLEY was chosen Recording Secretary *pro tem.*

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. George Heard, David Pulsifer, J. W. Thornton, Richard Frothingham, Jr., William Newell, the Rhode Island Historical Society, the New York Historical Society, Rev. Joseph Hunter, Messrs. William Allen, Henry D. Thoreau, William E. Du Bois, Joseph Blunt, and from Messrs. Sibley and Bowen, of the Society.

A letter of acknowledgment for the use of the Historical Rooms during the time of the repairs of the rooms of the Institution for Savings, was received, containing a check for one hundred and twenty-five dollars, signed by the Treasurer, agreeably to a vote of that institution.

Dr. LOWELL, Chairman of the Committee to whom was referred the subject of the plants belonging to the Society, made a verbal report. Whereupon, it was

Voted, That the collection of plants presented to this Society by the Hon. Thomas H. Perkins, Dec. 23, 1795, be deposited with the Natural History Society of Boston during the pleasure of the Massachusetts Historical Society; it being understood that this Society shall have access to them at such times and through such agents as they shall appoint, and that the Natural History Society give their receipt for the same, and be allowed to take a copy of the catalogue of them now in the Library of the Historical Society.

Dr. LOWELL stated that while in Europe he received several papers from Mr. Disney, with authority to make such disposition of them as he thought best, and that he had placed them in the Library of this Society; that three of the letters contained in the parcel were written by Mrs. Mayhew to Thomas Hollis, of Lincoln's Inn, London; and that her grandson was very desirous to obtain one or more of them. The three letters were

read; and, after several suggestions and some discussion, it was finally

Voted, That the letter of Mrs. Mayhew to Thomas Hollis, dated Oct. 16, 1766, be presented to her grandson, Mr. Peter Wainwright, he leaving a copy of it with the Society.

Pelham W. Warren, through Mr. I. P. Davis, presented to the Society a letter written by Governor Thomas Prince, May 5, 1661, and it was referred to the Publishing Committee.

On motion of the Corresponding Secretary, it was

Voted, That the Librarian, when any volume of the Society's Collections is published, call on the Chairman of the Publishing Committee for all documents referred to the Committee which relate to the volume.

RICHARD FROTHINGHAM, Jr., was elected a Resident Member, *vice* Hon. John Pickering, deceased.

Present — C. F. Adams, Codman, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Frothingham, F. C. Gray, J. C. Gray, Lowell, Palfrey, Pierce, Shattuck, Sibley, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Tuesday, Aug. 25, 1846, 12 M. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Maryland Historical Society, Messrs. Appleton, of New York, Hon. John Davis, of Worcester, Rev. Joseph Allen and A. W. McClure, Messrs. George Hood, Pelham

W. Warren, Dr. John O. Greene, and from Messrs. Winthrop and I. P. Davis, of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter of acceptance from Richard Frothingham, Jr.

On motion of Mr. YOUNG,

Voted, To present a copy of the Society's Collections to the Nantucket Athenæum, and that the Librarian be directed to forward the same as soon as a complete copy can be furnished.

The Librarian informed the Society that Vol. I., third series, had been reprinted.

Voted, That the Recording Secretary be directed to communicate to the Chairman of the Committee on the Index to the third series the desire of the Society to be possessed of the information requested by the vote at the last February meeting.

Dr. FROTHINGHAM reported verbally that the ministers of the First, Second, and Third Churches in Boston had taken measures to have transcripts made of their respective church records, pursuant to the Society's vote at the last April meeting.

Present — The President, J. Q. Adams, Felt, Francis, N. L. Frothingham, Lowell, Minot, Quincy, Shattuck, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Sept. 24, 1846, 12 M. In the absence of the President, Hon. SAMUEL HOAR was chosen President *pro tem*.

The Librarian communicated donations from Henry W. Cushman, J. Wingate Thornton, Rev. S. F. Allen,

Lieutenant J. M. Gillis, and also from Messrs. I. P. Davis, J. C. Gray, Winthrop, Sibley, and Worcester, of the Society.

He also communicated a letter addressed to the President from Lord Braybrooke, July 2, 1846, tendering his acknowledgments for his election as a Corresponding Member.

Mr. LINCOLN, from the Index Committee, reported verbally of expected early progress.

Mr. SHATTUCK, in behalf of Wiley & Putnam, of New York, who are collecting, as agents for the British Museum, copies of works published in this country, requested that the subject of presenting to the institution a copy of our Collections be referred to a committee to report thereupon, which was voted accordingly, and the subject was referred to the Librarian.

Present — Appleton, J. Davis, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., Hoar, Lamson, Lincoln, Lowell, Shattuck, White, Willard, Worcester, and Young; and, on the eve of adjournment, Messrs. Bowen and F. C. Gray.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Oct. 29, 1846. The President in the chair. The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Charles Deane, Edward Jarvis, Benjamin P. Poore, H. Weld Fuller, the Family of the late Hon. John Pickering, "A Friend," the American Board of Commission-

ers for Foreign Missions, the New York Historical Society, and from Messrs. Sibley, Lamson, and Bowen, of this Society.

The Recording Secretary, in the absence of the Corresponding Secretary, communicated a letter from Charles William Bradley, Esq., the Secretary of State for the State of Connecticut, with further copies of the documents forwarded to the Society last spring, relating to the claim of the State of Connecticut to the Trumbull manuscripts. Whereupon, it was

Voted, To refer the same to the Committee having the subject in charge, and that they be requested to call a special meeting as soon as they are ready to report.

Voted, That the Committee having in charge the reprinting of the deficient volumes of the Collections, be directed to delay the reprint of Hubbard's History.

Also, *voted*, That the Librarian write to Mr. Henry Stevens, now in England, in behalf of the Society, and express to him the desire of the Society to have the means of supplying the deficiencies in the printed volume of Hubbard's History, from the manuscript copy now in England, and that was formerly in the possession of the late Judge Oliver.

The Librarian reported in favor of presenting a copy of the Collections of the Society to the British Museum, which report, after having been read, was laid upon the table.

Mr. PAIGE informed the Society that Samuel Batchelder, Esq., has a copy of the Catalogue of Manuscripts in the British Museum, which he will present to the Society, if such be their desire. Whereupon,

Voted, That the Society will accept the same, and that they tender thanks to Mr. Batchelder for his kind offer.

Voted, That as the day of the Annual Thanksgiving falls on the

stated day of the next meeting of the Society, the next meeting be held on Thursday, November 19th next, at 12 o'clock m.

Present — The President, J. Q. Adams, Austin, Chandler, Codman, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, N. L. Frothingham, R. Frothingham, Jr., Lamson, Paige, Pierce, Robbins, Shattuck, Sibley, White, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Nov. 19, 1846, 12 m. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The Recording Secretary being absent, ALEXANDER YOUNG was chosen Recording Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Mr. Charles Stoddard, of Boston, and F. C. Gray.

Mr. I. P. DAVIS read a letter from Mr. J. F. Watson, of Germantown, Pennsylvania, presenting to the Society a copy of his work on the "Early Annals of New York."

Mr. P. W. CHANDLER read a letter from Mr. Theophilus Parsons, communicating a paper addressed by Dr. Benjamin Vaughan, of Hallowell, Maine, to the late Chief Justice Parsons, relating to Cook's, Drake's, and Anson's voyages, and a universal standard of weights and measures.* Whereupon, it was

* This letter, which is dated at "Hallowell, July 8, 1807," and consists of some twenty-five pages, is a critical dissertation on the observations and statements of the historians of these voyages, and might possibly repay publication. But his criticisms may be superseded by later writers. — Eds.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Mr. Parsons for this document.

Some remarks were made by Mr. JOHN C. GRAY and others, concerning the expediency of printing a catalogue of the books in the Library, but no action was taken on the subject.

Voted, That one hundred and four dollars be granted to Mr. Felt, the Librarian, for his services this year.

The Committee on the Trumbull Papers made a report, closing with the following vote : —

Voted, That the Historical Society of Massachusetts, having most respectfully considered the application of the State of Connecticut for the collection of papers arranged and bound up by the said Society, and by them called the "Trumbull Papers," beg leave to decline complying with it, being of the opinion that it is their duty to preserve the same in their own Library, in conformity with the will of the donors.

After some remarks by Messrs. F. C. GRAY, QUINCY, and CHANDLER, all sustaining the principles and views of the report, it was

Voted, unanimously, that the report of the Committee be accepted, and the vote they recommend be adopted.*

* The following is the report in Mr. Gray's hand : —

"MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
Nov. 19th, 1846.

"The Committee to whom was referred the renewed application of the Secretary of Connecticut, on behalf of that State, for the Trumbull papers, beg leave to report : —

"That, in their opinion, the simple fact that these papers have been in the undisputed possession of this Society for more than half a century, is of itself, a sufficient answer to such a claim.

"But, moreover, there are good grounds for maintaining that, so far is the Society from being bound to yield to this claim, that it is bound not to do so. The letter by which these papers were spontaneously offered to the Society is

Present—The President, Appleton, Chandler, I. P. Davis, Ellis, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., F. C. Gray, J. C. Gray, Paige, Quincy, Sibley, Ticknor, and Young.

dated April 15th, 1794, and signed by David Trumbull, one of Governor Trumbull's sons; and it expressly declares that they were collected by his father, 'with the intention that they should be preserved and deposited in some public library, as materials for future historians'; and proceeds thus:—

" 'Had the Massachusetts Historical Society existed during his life, there is no doubt but he would have chosen to give them to an institution, whose patriotic views they would so directly subserve, in preference to a collegiate or other library, where they probably would soon become "food for worms."'

" 'His heirs, therefore, think they cannot so well fulfil the Governor's intentions on this subject, as by offering them, as I am commissioned to do, to the Massachusetts Historical Society.

" 'You will be pleased to communicate this offer to the Society in our names,—permitting us to suggest the propriety of their sending some person to make a selection of such papers as may be thought most useful.'

"This offer was accepted. The donation consisted of a great mass of unconnected papers and loose files of a very miscellaneous character, extending from A. D. 1630 to 1784; many of them entirely private and even domestic letters; many not relating peculiarly to Connecticut, some not at all; many rough drafts; many mere copies, and such other papers as cannot even be conjectured to have originally belonged to that State; many circular, supernumerary, or printed documents.

"The Society caused them to be properly arranged, bound in twenty-three folio volumes and carefully indexed, as the best means of accomplishing the will of the collector and the donors, to render them useful to future historians. They remain in its Library, accessible for this purpose to all proper applicants; and copies of any of them may be taken by the State of Connecticut.

"Now this Society having accepted the gift made, on the terms above cited, is bound to fulfil those terms so far as it lawfully can. It is executing a trust, and has no more right than an executor or other trustee to waive its legal claims, or to dispose of the trust property in any other manner or for any other purposes, than the terms and the nature of the trust require.

"The claim of Connecticut rests on a resolve of the General Assembly, passed on the 7th of June, 1771, a resolve suggested probably by the well-known fact, that Governor Trumbull was a most diligent collector of all sorts of manuscripts. It is in the following words:—

" 'That his honor the Governor be desired to collect all the public letters and papers which may hereafter in any way affect the interests of this colony, and have the same bound together that they may be preserved.'

"Now this was no part of his official duty. It is certain that he never complied with the request; *at least so far as these papers are concerned*: and there is no evidence that he ever agreed or intended to do so. Indeed the only evidence (and very strong evidence it is) of his intentions with regard to them,

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Thursday, Dec. 31, 1846, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting. The President being absent, Mr. HOAR was chosen President *pro tem*.

is the express declaration in the letter above cited, which also evinces his great anxiety for their preservation.

"Another resolve of the same assembly, passed six months earlier, viz., Nov. 2, 1770, has also been communicated. It appoints Gurdon Saltonstall, Esq., and Captain Joseph Trumbull, one of the Governor's sons, to collect all public letters and other papers, &c., which properly belong to the colony (except those in the hands of the then Governor or in the Secretary's office) 'and properly sort, arrange, and file the same, according to the order of time in which they were written, and write on each file the sort of papers it contains, and the year they belong to and lodge the same with the Secretary.'

"We do not see how this resolve can affect our opinion. The conjecture suggested to us, that public papers collected by these commissioners — already properly sorted, arranged, filed, and indorsed, in the manner so particularly prescribed, and formally deposited in the Secretary's office — may have been taken out of it by Governor Trumbull, and mixed up with his own miscellaneous collection, under color of the resolve of 1771, appears to be gratuitous, no evidence being adduced of the fact that he did so.

"At any rate, it is not for this Society to call in question the right to these papers, on the part of those from whom it thus holds them in trust.

"There are obvious reasons why Governor Trumbull should choose to place his collection in some public library, rather than in the office of any department of State, even though he may not have thought it proper to answer the invitation conveyed by the resolve of 1771 by a *formal refusal*.

"On the whole your Committee recommend the adoption of the following vote: —

"*Voted*, that the Historical Society of Massachusetts, having most respectfully considered the application of the State of Connecticut for the collection of papers, arranged and bound up by the said Society, and by them called the Trumbull Papers, beg leave to decline complying with it, being of opinion that it is their duty to preserve the same in their own Library, in conformity with the will of the donors.'

"F. C. GRAY,
JAMES SAVAGE,
JOSIAH QUINCY, } Committee.

"MEMORANDUM. — The Committee would further add that the remark in the report of the former Committee, Jan. 1, 1843, that the nineteenth volume *alone* contained papers of earlier date than 1751, should have been that it contained *only* such papers, many between 1630 and 1700 still remain.

"F. C. GRAY, for the Committee."

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Professor Rafn, of Copenhagen, Messrs. Little & Brown, William S. Russell, Samuel Batchelder, Charles Stoddard, Henry Stevens, the American Philosophical Society, the Pennsylvania Historical Society, and the National Institute.

The Librarian reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Henry Stevens, in London, in answer to the Librarian's letter under the vote of the last October meeting, relative to obtaining, from the manuscript copy of Hubbard's History that was in the possession of the late Judge Oliver, the means of supplying the deficiencies in the Society's printed copy of the History, and that Mr. Stevens would pay early attention to the request of the Society.*

No communications were received from the members of the Second Section.

Present — I. P. Davis, Felt, Hoar, Paige, Ripley, Sibley, Ticknor, Willard, and Worcester.

* Mr. Stevens was not so happy as to succeed in any attempts he may have made to supply these deficiencies. More than thirty years later, they were communicated to the Society through another medium. See Proceedings for January and February, 1878, pp. 12, 13, 38-41. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1847.

Thursday, Jan. 28, 1847, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Mr. SIBLEY was chosen Recording Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. George Folsom, F. A. Whitney, Charles Ewer, Rev. Charles Brooks, the New Jersey Historical Society, and from Messrs. Winthrop, Bowen, and Sibley, of this Society.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, relating to the claim of the Commonwealth to the Hutchinson papers, now in the Society's Library. Whereupon, it was

Voted, To refer the communication to the Committee to whom was referred (December meeting, 1845) the former communication of the Secretary on the same subject.*

Mr. F. C. GRAY announced the death of Hon. John Davis, LL.D., one of the oldest and most eminent members of the Society; and, upon his motion,

Voted, That Rev. Dr. Francis be requested to prepare a memoir of Judge Davis for publication in the Collections of the Society.†

* This communication was substantially a repetition of that read at the December meeting in 1845, to which the Secretary had received no reply. — Eds.

† Judge Davis, elected a member in December, 1791, President from 1818 to 1835, died Jan. 14, 1847. The memoir by Rev. Dr. Francis is in 3 Collections, Vol. X. pp. 186-203. — Eds.

The Standing Committee reported that, from respect to the memory of the late Judge Davis, they would not make any nomination this day to fill the vacancy occasioned by his decease.

Mr. SPARKS introduced an unpublished autograph manuscript of George Chalmers, purporting to be a continuation of his Political Annals; and, in behalf of Mr. O. Rich, of London, offered it to the Society in exchange for publications by the Society. Whereupon, it was

Voted, To refer the subject to the Standing Committee to examine the manuscript, and purchase it, if they see fit, by exchanging for it volumes published by the Society.

Present — The President, Appleton, Austin, Blagden, Codman, Davis, Ellis, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., F. C. Gray, Jenks, Lincoln, Lowell, Paige, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Robbins, Sibley, Sparks, Ticknor, White, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Feb. 25, 1847, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Eli French, J. B. Corwin, William G. Brooks, Hon. John Davis, of Worcester, the United States Treasury Department, the Mercantile Library Association, the Pennsylvania Historical Society, and from Messrs. R. Frothingham, Jr., Winthrop, Sibley, Savage, and Lincoln, of the Society.

President Everett was excused, on his own request, from serving on the Committee to whom was referred the claim made by Mr. Secretary Palfrey, on behalf of the Commonwealth, for the Hutchinson papers, and Mr. F. C. GRAY was chosen in his stead.

Professor SPARKS stated to the Society that there were thirteen volumes of the papers of the late Governor Bernard now in the hands of a gentleman in Providence, which could be purchased for about £120 sterling. He further stated that he had permission to have them placed in his possession for a time. And, without recommending any course for the Society to pursue in the premises, it was

Voted, That Messrs. Sparks, F. C. Gray, and Ellis be a committee to examine the papers, and make report to the Society.

Mr. F. C. GRAY, from the Standing Committee, reported that they had purchased Chalmers's manuscript continuation of his Political Annals, by exchanging for it four copies of the Society's Collections.*

The Standing Committee nominated Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, M.D., of Boston, for Resident Member, *vice* Hon. Judge Davis, deceased.

Present — The President, Appleton, Bowen, Chandler, Davis, Ellis, Felt, Francis, N. L. Frothingham, R. Frothingham, Jr., F. C. Gray, Jenks, Lowell, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Sparks, White, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

* This continuation was printed by the New York Historical Society, in 1868, from another manuscript which came into the possession of Thomas Thorpe, a London bookseller, at the sale of the author's effects, and which subsequently passed into the possession of Mr. Bancroft. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, March 25, 1847, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Old South Church, the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, the Pennsylvania Historical Society, Messrs. Nathaniel Willis, Thomas Fisher, David Reed, Charles Brown, "A Friend," and from Messrs. Savage, R. Frothingham, Jr., Winthrop, and Sibley, of this Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from the Secretary of the Historical Society of Kentucky, reciting an Act of the Legislature of that State, tendering to all such Historical Societies as might wish them, copies of all Acts, Journals, and Public Documents published by the authority of that State. Whereupon,

Voted, To accept the offer of the Legislature of Kentucky, and that the Corresponding Secretary answer accordingly.

NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF, M.D., of Boston, was elected Resident Member, *vice* Hon. Judge Davis, deceased.

Dr. PALFREY made a statement relative to his course in presenting for the consideration of the Society the claim of the Commonwealth to the Hutchinson papers.

Present — The President, Appleton, Chandler, Codman, Davis, Ellis, Felt, Francis, R. Frothingham, Jr., Hoar, Lowell, Lunt, Palfrey, Pierce, Robbins, Sibley, Ticknor, White, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1847.

Thursday, April 29, 1847, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated to the Society Dr. Shurtleff's acceptance.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Rhode Island Historical Society, the American Philosophical Society, Hon. Alexander H. Everett, the City of Boston, Rev. Augustus R. Pope, John Stetson Barry, and from Messrs. White, R. Frothingham, Jr., Sibley, and Bowen, of this Society.

He also stated that he had deposited with Ticknor & Co. eighty-seven volumes of the Society's printed Collections, at the request of Mr. Sparks, for Mr. Rich, of London.

Mr. F. C. GRAY, from the Committee on the Hutchinson Papers, reported that in the opinion of the Committee "the fact that the Society have held this Collection in undisputed possession for more than a quarter of a century is sufficient of itself to render any further inquiry on their part entirely superfluous. The Committee therefore recommend that they be discharged from the further consideration of the subject."

Which report having been read, it was

Voted, To accept the same.

On motion of Mr. F. C. GRAY,

Voted, That a copy of the letter of David Trumbull, son of the late Governor Trumbull, dated "Lebanon, 15th April, 1794," addressed to "The Rev. Jeremy Belknap, Corresponding Secretary of the Massachusetts Historical Society," in relation to the Governor's intended disposition of the papers since known by the name of the "Trumbull Papers," be prefixed to the first volume of the "Trumbull Papers," and that the original letter be deposited with the Cabinet-Keeper of the Society, to be kept by him in the Cabinet.*

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary of the Seamen's Aid Society, dated April 13 inst., requesting, in behalf of that institution, that permission may be granted by this Society for the removal of the portrait of Rev. Mr. Taylor "to the Chapel Room in the Mariners' House." And, thereupon, it was

Voted, To commit the subject to Messrs. F. C. Gray and Davis, with full authority to act in the premises.

On motion of Mr. C. F. ADAMS, the Index Committee for the third decade of the Society's Collections were discharged.

Voted, That the Publishing Committee of Vol. X., third series, constitute the Index Committee for the third decade.

MESSRS. WORCESTER and R. FROTHINGHAM, Jr., were chosen a committee to examine and report upon the accounts of the Treasurer for the past year. The said Committee made the following report, viz. : —

The undersigned, a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society appointed to examine the accounts of Peleg

* The original letter of David Trumbull is on file in the Cabinet of the Corresponding Secretary, in Vol. I. of Letters, p. 56. It is printed in 4 Collections, II. 240. — EDS.

W. Chandler, Treasurer of the Society, have performed that duty, and report that the accounts are well kept, properly vouched, and correctly cast, and that there appears to be a balance due to the Society of nine hundred fifty-five dollars and twenty-nine cents, on general account, and one hundred twenty-six dollars and twenty cents, on the account of sales of books.*

J. E. WORCESTER, }
R. FROTHINGHAM, JR., } *Committee.*

APRIL 29, 1847.

Which report having been read,

Voted, To accept the same.

A communication from the Librarian of the American Antiquarian Society, proposing an exchange of Ἀρχαιολόγους, Alsted's Encyclopædia, two volumes, folio, London edition, 1649, Vol. II. of Harris's Voyages, folio, London, 1705, and Vol. V. of Purchas's Pilgrimage, belonging to the Library of that Society, for Vols. I. and III. of Purchas, duplicates, belonging to this Society, was read and referred to Messrs. F. C. GRAY and SIBLEY, with authority to make the exchange if they see fit.

On motion of the Treasurer, P. W. CHANDLER, the following statement, read by him, was ordered to be placed upon record, viz.:—

* The receipts for the year amounted to \$2,544. Of this sum \$2,419 were received for admission fees, assessments, and subscriptions, and \$125 from the Provident Institution for Savings for use of rooms. The payments amounted to \$1,652.17. The largest sum paid was \$1,099.60 to Freeman & Bolles for printing six volumes of Collections. The other items were \$313.17 to Metcalf & Co. for printing; \$80.64 for binding; \$40.50, proportion of taxes; \$104 to Mr. Felt as Librarian; and \$14.26 for miscellaneous expenses. — Eds.

The Treasurer of the Massachusetts Historical Society submits the following report for the year ending April 29, 1847:—

The whole amount in the treasury at the commencement of the year was	\$63.46
Amount received since from various sources . .	2544.00
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	\$2607.46
Amount paid out	1652.17
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Leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer	\$955.29
To which there is to be added the sum of . .	126.20
Being the amount received from the sale of the Society's Collections, and which, by a vote of the Society, is kept in a separate account.	

Of the amount received in the course of the year, a principal part, say eighteen hundred dollars, was from the subscriptions of the following named gentlemen, for the reprinting of certain volumes, viz.:—

N. Appleton	\$100	T. W. Ward	\$100
Abbott Lawrence	100	John Eliot Thayer . . .	100
J. A. Lowell	100	Josiah Quincy	50
P. C. Brooks	100	Francis C. Lowell . . .	50
Samuel Appleton	100	Robert G. Shaw	50
David Sears	100	William H. Prescott . .	50
T. H. Perkins	100	William Lawrence . . .	50
John Welles	100	Eben Francis	50
William Appleton	100	F. C. Gray	100
William Sturgis	100		<hr/>
Samuel A. Eliot	100		\$1800
J. C. Gray	100		

There being a balance of \$313.17 due from the Society to Metcalf & Co. for printing, a vote was passed authorizing the Treasurer to borrow the amount on the credit of the Society. Before doing this, the Treasurer called upon the members of the Society in this vicinity, and addressed a circular to those at a distance, the result of which was that the sum of \$325

was subscribed in aid of the Society, of which the whole has been paid, and is included in the foregoing account with the exception of \$25.

Of the sum of \$1652.17, expended during the	
year, there has been paid, for printing . . .	\$1421.27
Salary of Librarian	104.00
Binding	80.64
Taxes	40.50
Sundries	5.76
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	\$1652.17

The ordinary receipts of this Society are derived from the annual subscriptions of three dollars for each member, and eight dollars admission fee. By the second article of our Laws and Regulations, it is provided that "If any person elected shall neglect to pay his admission money for one year after being apprised of his election, the said election shall be considered void. And if any Resident Member shall neglect to pay his annual assessment for the space of three years after it shall have become due, and have been demanded, he shall forfeit his right to its privileges, and shall no longer be considered as a member thereof. Each member, at his election, shall be furnished with an attested copy of this article. The Treasurer shall report, from time to time, those members who neglect to pay their admission or annual assessment as above required." In accordance with this article, I report the names of Daniel Webster and Francis Baylies as members whose assessments have been due more than three years, and have been demanded.*

P. W. CHANDLER, *Treasurer*.

Mr. Chandler, on account of his other engagements, declined being a candidate for re-election as Treasurer. The Society then proceeded to ballot for officers for

* See p. 381. — *Eds.*

the ensuing year; and Messrs. HILLARD and SHURTLEFF were appointed a committee to collect, assort, and count the votes.

The Committee reported that the whole number of votes was fourteen, and that the following gentlemen were unanimously elected, viz.:—

JAMES SAVAGE	PRESIDENT.
JOSEPH WILLARD	RECORDING SECRETARY.
CHARLES LOWELL	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JOSEPH B. FELT	LIBRARIAN.
RICHARD FROTHINGHAM, JR.	TREASURER.
ISAAC P. DAVIS	CABINET-KEEPER.
FRANCIS C. GRAY	} STANDING COMMITTEE.
CONVERS FRANCIS	
ALEXANDER YOUNG	
GEORGE TICKNOR	
JOSEPH WILLARD	

On motion of Mr. CHANDLER, it was

Voted, That the President and Treasurer be authorized to invest the money of the Society at their discretion.

On motion of Mr. CHANDLER, it was further

Voted, That Messrs. F. C. Gray and Shurtleff be a Committee to examine into the state of the treasury, and to make report thereof at the next meeting.

No communications were received from the members of the Third Section.

Present—The President, C. F. Adams, Appleton, Chandler, Davis, Felt, Francis, N. L. Frothingham, R. Frothingham, Jr., F. C. Gray, Hillard, Jenks, Lowell, Paige, Palfrey, Pierce, Ripley, Shurtleff, Sibley, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

JOSEPH WILLARD,
Recording Secretary.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, May 27, 1847, 12 m. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, J. L. SIBLEY was chosen Recording Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. L. D. Johnson, James D. Graham, James Loring, the American Philosophical Society, and from Messrs. Quincy and Sibley, of this Society.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to invest the Society's funds reported that they had purchased nine shares in the Western Railroad Corporation for the sum of nine hundred forty-two dollars seventy-five cents (\$942.75), and that the same now stand in the name of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting on the accounts of the late Treasurer, P. W. Chandler, Esq., reported that

They have performed that duty, and that the accounts are well kept, properly vouched, and correctly cast, and that there appears to have been a balance due to the Society of eleven hundred and thirteen dollars forty-nine cents: to wit, one hundred and twenty-six dollars twenty cents on account of the sale of books, and nine hundred and eighty-seven dollars twenty-nine cents on general account, — which sum of eleven hundred and thirteen dollars forty-nine cents has been paid to his successor in office.

F. C. GRAY.

NATHANIEL B. SHUTTLEFF.

MAY 27, 1847.

Which report was accepted.

No communications were received from the members of the First Section.

Present — The President, Chandler, Davis, Felt, Frothingham, Greenleaf, Hoar, Lowell, Lunt, Merrill, Quincy, Ripley, Shurtleff, Sibley, Ticknor, and White.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, June 24, 1847, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting. In the absence of the President, Hon. JOSIAH QUINCY was chosen President *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Charles C. P. Moody, S. G. Drake, Increase A. Lapham, William Hyde, Dr. Charles T. Jackson, the Maine Historical Society, the Mercantile Library Association, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and from Messrs. Pierce, Sibley, and Shurtleff, of this Society.

No communications were received from the members of the Second Section.

Present — Austin, Ellis, Felt, Francis, N. L. Frothingham, F. C. Gray, J. C. Gray, Jenks, Prescott, Quincy, Shurtleff, Sibley, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, July 29, 1847, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting. In the absence of the President and Recording Secretary, Rev. Dr. CODMAN was chosen President and Rev. CHANDLER ROBBINS Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the United States, Don Pedro de Angelis, J. Quincy, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Henry Gassett, N. B. Shurtleff, James Cooley, S. H. Walley, Jr., C. K. Dillaway, the American Philosophical Society, and Hon. J. Q. Adams.

A communication was read, addressed to the Society by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, respecting the "Hutchinson Papers," which was referred to the same Committee to which the previous communications on the subject have been intrusted.*

A letter was read from the Corresponding Secretary of the Racine Natural Science Association, asking donations and exchanges.

Voted, That this letter be put into the hands of the Standing Committee, with authority to act in relation to the proposition contained in it, according to their pleasure.

A communication was read from the Publishers of the "Literary World," in New York, requesting to be fur-

* We do not find this communication on file. — Eds.

nished with a monthly report of the proceedings of this Society for publication.

On motion of Hon. J. Q. ADAMS, this request was referred to the Standing Committee, with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Society.

No communications were received from the Third Section.

Present — C. F. Adams, J. Q. Adams, Codman, Felt, Francis, R. Frothingham, Merrill, Pierce, Ripley, Robbins, Shurtleff, White, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Tuesday, Aug. 24, 1847, 12 M. Members of the Society convened.

The President being absent, the Rev. NATHANIEL L. FROTHINGHAM was chosen to preside.

The Recording Secretary being also absent, the Librarian was appointed in his place *pro tem*.

As there was no particular business before the Society, it was

Voted, To dissolve the meeting.

Present — I. P. Davis, Felt, N. L. Frothingham, R. Frothingham, Paige, and Shurtleff. After the vote to dissolve, Messrs. J. C. Gray, Quincy, Ripley, and Young came in.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Sept. 30, 1847, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting. In the absence of the President, Rev. Dr. **BLAGDEN** was chosen President *pro tem.*, and the Recording Secretary being absent, **J. L. SIBLEY** was chosen Recording Secretary *pro tem.*

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. **R. B. Forbes**, **Henry F. Baker**, **R. Soule, Jr.**, **A. Vattermare**, **Benjamin Stevens**, **Arthur Maxwell**, **Thaddeus Allen**, **Edward Brinley**, **E. C. Herrick**, **James Loring**, and from Messrs. **Quincy**, **Prescott**, **Greenleaf**, and **Sibley**, of the Society.

In presenting Mr. Vattermare's donation, the Librarian expressed the sentiments of Mr. Vattermare that an exchange of books would be very advantageous to the Society, and the subject was referred to a committee, consisting of the Librarian and Recording Secretary, with full powers to act on the subject.*

Hon. Judge **WHITE** announced the death of **Benjamin Merrill, Esq.**, and moved that the Hon. **John G. King**, of Salem, be requested to prepare a memoir for the Society's Collections; and it was

Voted accordingly.†

* Alexander Vattermare's gift was a copy of a book entitled "Documents Inédits, relatifs à Jean, Sire de Joinville, Historien de Saint Louis." Collected and published by M. Champollion-Figeac. Published about 1844. — Eds.

† Benjamin Merrill, chosen a member in August, 1826, died July 30, 1847. Mr. King failed to perform the duty assigned to him. A memoir by Dr. Wheatland will be found in this volume, on pp. 390-392. — Eds.

No communications were received from the members of the Second Section.

Mr. DAVIS presented to the Society manuscript papers of Rev. Gideon Hawley and others; and it was

Voted, To refer the same to the Publishing Committee.

Mr. SHATTUCK requested that, in order to complete his set of the Massachusetts laws, he might be permitted to exchange books in his possession for the deficient portions of his set, the Society not to part with any volumes except of such as there are duplicates. Whereupon, it was

Voted, To refer the subject to the Librarian and Recording Secretary.

Present — Appleton, Blagden, Davis, Ellis, Francis, R. Frothingham, Jr., Jenks, Lowell, Lunt, Paige, Ripley, Robbins, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, and White.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Oct. 28, 1847, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Commonwealth, the City of Roxbury, the American Academy, Hon. John Davis, M. A. Stickney, Edmund B. Willson, and from Messrs. Sibley, Winthrop, and Willard, of the Society.

The President communicated a manuscript from a friend, entitled "Oliver Cromwell Vindicated from the

Aspersions of Enemies." He also communicated from our Corresponding Member, Rev. Joseph Hunter, of London, a manuscript, comprising "Genealogical notices of various persons and families who, in the reign of King Charles I., emigrated to New England from the county of Suffolk," prepared by Rev. Matthias Candler, of Codenham, in Suffolk, a contemporary; which manuscript was referred to the Publishing Committee.*

No communications were received from the members of the Third Section, except the foregoing.

Present — The President, J. Q. Adams, Appleton, Chandler, Codman, Davis, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., J. C. Gray, Lowell, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Robbins, Shattuck, Sibley, White, Willard, Winthrop, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Dec. 2, 1847, 12 M. The Society held their November meeting this day, Thanksgiving having been appointed on the stated day of the meeting.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Mr. Thomas H. Webb, and from Dr. Pierce, of the Society.

Voted, That the Publishing Committee be requested to report at the next meeting: 1. What progress has been made by them in printing Vol. X., third series; 2. What progress has been made in the preparation of the index for the third series.

Also, *voted*, That a copy of this vote be sent to each member of the Committee in the State.

Voted, That the Committee appointed at April, 1846, to consider the expediency of obtaining for this Society a transcript of the records of the first fifty years of the First, Second, and Third Churches in Boston, or such parts thereof as may usefully be given, be requested to report at the next meeting.

Also, *voted*, That a copy of this vote be sent to each member of the Committee.

Voted, That the Treasurer of this Society give notice to the Resident Members, who have not paid their annual assessments for three years or more past, of such deficiency, and also send them the Rule of the Society relative to such deficiency.

Voted, That Dr. Josiah Bartlett be requested to prepare a memoir of our late member, Rev. Samuel Ripley, of Concord, deceased, for the Collections of the Society.*

Present — The President, Davis, Ellis, Felt, N. L. Frothingham, R. Frothingham, Jr., Pierce, Robbins, Shattuck, Shurtleff, and Willard.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Dec. 29, 1847, 12 m. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Dr. Danforth P. Wight, Dr. Thomas H. Webb, Hon. John Davis, John Belknap, Esq., and James T. Archer, Esq., Secretary of State of Florida.

On motion of Dr. LOWELL, Rev. Dr. Jenks was chosen

* Rev. Samuel Ripley, chosen a member Jan. 27, 1820, died Nov. 24, 1847. A memoir of him by C. G. Ripley, Esq., will be found in this volume, on pp. 392-394. — Eds.

to prepare a memoir of our late member, Rev. Dr. John Codman, deceased, for the Society's Collections.*

Voted, To ratify and confirm the proceedings of the last meeting of the Society.

The Standing Committee nominated for Resident Members Dr. Henry Wheatland, of Salem, *vice* Benjamin Merrill, Esq., deceased, and Dr. Thaddeus William Harris, of Cambridge, Librarian of the College, *vice* Rev. Samuel Ripley, deceased.

Rev. Dr. FROTHINGHAM, from the Committee on the Church Records, pursuant to the vote of the last meeting, reported, among other things, that the Committee are entirely agreed in the opinion that such copies may with propriety and advantage be made and placed in the Library of the Society, and accordingly signify their disposition and purpose to furnish the same. Which report was read and accepted, and placed on file.

Dr. LOWELL, from the Second Section, read a letter from the late Rev. Dr. Belknap to Joseph Whipple, Esq., of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, dated Boston, Nov. 29, 1791, in relation to his History of New Hampshire.

On motion of Dr. LOWELL,

Voted, That a committee be appointed to prepare Vol. I., of the fourth series of the Collections.

And, on motion of Mr. TICKNOR, it was further

Voted, That the said Committee be appointed on a nomination to be made by the President at the next meeting.

Voted, That the Treasurer be requested to report at the next annual meeting in April, whether the funds of the Society will allow of the publication annually of a volume of Collections.

* Rev. Dr. Jenks's memoir of Rev. Dr. Codman is in the Proceedings for February, 1862, pp. 413-427. — Eds.

Voted, That Messrs. Lowell, F. C. Gray, and Young be a committee to consider the expediency of so publishing the future volumes of the Society's Collections that a part of the impression shall not be designated as volumes of the Society's Collections. Also, to consider whether the Society can advantageously make any other change in the mode or form of their publications.

Dr. Lowell having been excused at his own request, and for reasons stated by him, the President was chosen in his stead.

Present — The President, Appleton, Davis, Ellis, Felt, Francis, N. L. Frothingham, R. Frothingham, Jr., Hoar, Lincoln, Lowell, Lunt, Paige, Pierce, Robbins, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1848.

Thursday, Jan. 27, 1848, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Mr. William H. Dillingham, the Mercantile Library Association, Hon. Caleb Foote, and from Messrs. Winthrop, Bowen, and Davis, of the Society.

The President, pursuant to the vote of the last meeting, nominated Messrs. Jenks, Ticknor, Young, and Shurtleff to prepare Vol. I. of the fourth series of the Society's Collections; and it was thereupon

Voted, That the above-named gentlemen constitute the Publishing Committee for that volume.

Rev. Dr. JENKS communicated his acceptance of his appointment to prepare a memoir of the late Rev. Dr. Codman for the Society's Collections.*

Dr. HENRY WHEATLAND was chosen Resident Member, *vice* Benjamin Merrill, Esq., deceased, and Dr. THADDEUS WILLIAM HARRIS, *vice* Rev. Samuel Ripley, deceased.

The Treasurer reported that he had received from Mr. Webster the amount of his back assessments, but that he had not as yet received any communication from Mr. Baylies in answer to his letter.

Rev. Dr. FROTHINGHAM made the following communication, viz. : —

"BOSTON, Jan. 27, 1848.

"The undersigned has the honor to present to the Historical Society, in the name of the First Church in Boston, a complete copy of the Records of that Church from 1630 to 1680.

"N. L. FROTHINGHAM,
Minister of the First Church."

And it was thereupon, on motion of Mr. TICKNOR,

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to the First Church in Boston for their liberal donation, and that the manuscript be suitably bound, under the direction of the Librarian.

Mr. TICKNOR, from the Third Section, read several letters from President Jefferson, and one from President Madison, to the late Philip Mazzei, of Italy.†

Mr. YOUNG, from the same Section, communicated a

* See p. 379, note. — Eds.

† These letters, it is believed, were not placed in the Society's archives. — Eds.

passage from the lost history written by Governor Bradford, of Plymouth Colony.*

Present — The President, Appleton, Austin, Davis, Felt, N. L. Frothingham, R. Frothingham, Jr., F. C. Gray, Greenleaf, Jenks, Lunt, Paige, Quincy, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Ticknor, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Feb. 24, 1848, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Rev. O. A. Taylor, Hon. John Davis, J. Wingate Thornton, Esq., the United States Government, Mr. Thaddeus Allen, the American Philosophical Society, Dr. D. P. Wight, Amos Lawrence, Esq., and the Department of the Secretary of War, at Washington.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated letters of acceptance from Messrs. Wheatland and Harris.

The Treasurer reported that he has received no answer from Mr. Baylies, and the subject was postponed to the next meeting.

Rev. Mr. BLAGDEN, of the Third Church, reported in part in relation to the records of that Church.

* Mr. Young communicated at this time a memorandum of some "incidents on board the 'Mayflower,'" placed in his hands by the writer of this note, and afterward printed in the *Historical and Genealogical Register* for April, 1848, pp. 187, 188. See also *Proceedings of this Society* for April, 1879, pp. 64-66. — Eds.

The Standing Committee nominated Rev. W. I. Budington, of Charlestown, for Resident Member, *vice* Rev. Dr. Codman, deceased.

No communications were received from the First Section.

Present — The President, Austin, Blagden, Davis, Ellis, Felt, Francis, R. Frothingham, Jr., Hoar, Jenks, Lowell, Paige, Pierce, Quincy, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Ticknor, White, Wheatland, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, March 30, 1848, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Rev. Alfred L. Baury, George H. Whitman, Esq., Nathaniel Willis, Esq., the United States War and Treasury Departments, Rev. Henry A. Miles, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, the American Philosophical Society, and from Messrs. Savage, Shattuck, and Sibley, of the Society.

Rev. Mr. **BLAGDEN**, from the Committee on the Church Records, pursuant to the vote passed at the April meeting, 1846, in relation to obtaining for the Society transcripts of the records of the First, Second, and Third Churches in Boston for the first fifty years, reported with regard to the Third Church that he had complied with the vote, and presented to the Society a

transcript of the records of his church for the first fifty years.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. TICKNOR, it was

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to the Third Church in Boston for their liberal donation, and that the manuscript be suitably bound, under the direction of the Librarian.

Mr. SPARKS stated to the Society that he had purchased Governor Bernard's papers, in thirteen volumes, for the sum of six hundred dollars; that the papers are valuable, and are at the disposal of the Society, should they wish to purchase the same.*

The Treasurer reported that he had again addressed a letter to Hon. Francis Baylies, of Taunton, in relation to his assessments, but had received no answer.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. TICKNOR,

Voted, That the Standing Committee be requested to make a nomination of a Resident Member, in place of Mr. Baylies.

Rev. W. I. BUDINGTON was chosen Resident Member, *vice* Rev. Dr. Codman, deceased, — Messrs. LUNT and SHURTLEFF, Scrutinizing Committee.

Messrs. I. P. DAVIS and TICKNOR were appointed a committee to examine and report upon the Treasurer's accounts for the year ending April, 1848.

The Standing Committee nominated, for Resident Members, Sylvester Judd, Esq., of Northampton, *vice* Hon. Francis Baylies, and Hon. David Sears, of Boston, *vice* Hon. John Q. Adams, deceased.

* The Bernard Papers remained in the possession of Mr. Sparks, and are now in a cabinet of manuscripts left by him. They are deposited at present in Gore Hall, Cambridge. — Eds.

Voted, That President Quincy be requested to prepare a memoir of Hon. John Q. Adams for the Collections.*

No communications were received from the Second Section.

Present — The President, Appleton, Blagden, Davis, Ellis, Felt, Francis, R. Frothingham, Jr., Jenks, Lowell, Lunt, Merrill, Minot, Pierce, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Sparks, Ticknor, White, Willard, and Young.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1848.

Thursday, April 27, 1848, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Daniel P. King, Lewis G. Pray, Theodore How, Rev. Dr. Cogswell, the New York Historical Society, and from Messrs. Shurtleff, Lunt, Winthrop, and Wheatland, of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter of acceptance from Rev. William Ives Budington, of Charlestown, of his election as Resident Member; also, a letter from E. George Squier, Esq., accompanying a donation of his memoir on the remains of the aborigines of the valley of the Mississippi.

* Hon. John Quincy Adams died Feb. 23, 1848. The memoir by President Quincy fills an entire volume, which was published in 1858. It is not, however, included in the Society's Collections; but Mr. Quincy generously gave the copyright to the Society. A brief notice of Mr. Adams, prepared at the request of the Editors, by his grandson, the Hon. C. F. Adams, will be found in this volume, on pp. 395-410. — Eds.

Mr. Ticknor nominated E. George Squier, Esq., of Chillicothe, Ohio, for Corresponding Member.

Voted, To accept the following report on the Treasurer's accounts, signed by Mr. Ticknor alone, Mr. I. P. Davis, the other member of the Committee, being absent, viz. : —

The undersigned, a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society appointed to examine the accounts of Richard Frothingham, Jr., Treasurer of the Society, have performed that duty, and report that the accounts are well kept, properly vouched, and correctly cast, and that there appears to be a balance due to the Society of \$113.86 on general account, and \$183.20 on the account of the sales of books.*

GEORGE TICKNOR.

Boston, April 27, 1848.

Voted, That the Treasurer render an account of the fund subscribed by Nathan Appleton and others for the reprinting of sundry volumes of the Society's Collections, with the expenditure thus far, and the balance now remaining; also, that he be directed to keep a separate account of that fund.

The Society proceeded to ballot for officers for the ensuing year, and Messrs. MERRILL and SHURTLEFF were appointed a committee to collect, assort, and count the votes.

The Committee reported that the following gentlemen were unanimously chosen, viz. : —

* The receipts for the year were \$270.70, and included \$185 for admission fees, assessments, and subscriptions, and \$85.70 for dividends and rights to take new stock in the Western Railroad Corporation. The payments amounted to \$1,113.13, — \$942.75 for nine shares in the Western Railroad Corporation; \$40.50 for proportion of taxes; \$100 for Mr. Felt's services as Librarian; and \$29.88 for miscellaneous expenses. — Eds.

JAMES SAVAGE	PRESIDENT.
JOSEPH WILLARD	RECORDING SECRETARY.
CHARLES LOWELL	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JOSEPH B. FELT	LIBRARIAN.
RICHARD FROTHINGHAM, Jr.	TREASURER.
ISAAC P. DAVIS	CABINET-KEEPER.
FRANCIS C. GRAY	} STANDING COMMITTEE.
CONVERS FRANCIS	
ALEXANDER YOUNG	
GEORGE TICKNOR	
JOSEPH WILLARD	

SYLVESTER JUDD, Esq., of Northampton, was elected Resident Member, *vice* Hon. Francis Baylies, and Hon. DAVID SEARS, of Boston, *vice* Hon. John Quincy Adams, deceased, — Messrs. SIBLEY and WHEATLAND, Scrutinizing Committee.

Mr. TICKNOR, from the Third Section, presented to the Society the records of the Anthology Club, of which he was the last Secretary, and gave a cursory statement of the early history of the Club.*

* The records of the Anthology Society are contained in four thin volumes, now bound in one. To them is prefixed the following memorandum in the handwriting of Mr. Ticknor:—

"The first number of the 'Monthly Anthology' was printed at Boston, by E. Lincoln, in November, 1803, and was edited by David Phineas Adams, a graduate of Harvard College two years earlier. It continued to be thus published six months, and then, in May, 1804, appeared from the press of Monroe & Francis, edited for some time by Rev. William Emerson, pastor of the First Church, Boston, and subsequently by Mr. S. C. Thacher, with such friends as they could persuade to assist them. The Society thus collected by its interest in this periodical gradually took a distinct form, and, in October, 1805, adopted for its government the Constitution with which this volume opens. The records that follow the Constitution were kept first by Arthur Maynard Walter, Esq., who was its Secretary till he died, early in 1807, and from that time till the 'Anthology' ceased to be published, in the summer of 1811, by James Savage, Esq., and by the subscriber, who has the honor to present them to the Massachusetts Historical Society.

"GEORGE TICKNOR.

. "Boston, April 27, 1848."

By the Constitution of the Club, adopted at a meeting held on the 3d of October, 1805, it was provided that "this Society shall meet on the Thursday

No other communications were received from the members of the Third Section.

evening of every week, at 7 o'clock p.m., from the autumnal to the vernal, and at 8 o'clock p.m., from the vernal to the autumnal equinox." No new member could be admitted "except by a unanimous vote of the members present, after he shall have stood on nomination during four successive meetings of the Society." Beside the customary officers of such a society, there was to be an editor of the "Monthly Anthology and Boston Review," chosen by ballot at the annual meeting, to have the general superintendence of that work. Books for review were to be assigned by a vote of the majority of members present, and every review was to be read to the Society before its publication. "If any objections which require further discussion shall be made to any part of a review, a committee of three shall be then appointed to examine said review, to confer with the writer, and to report at the next meeting." Communications for the Anthology department received by any member were to be deposited with the editor, and presented to the Society; "but no communication from any member for this department, except in cases of controversy, shall be read, unless at the option of the writer."

The original members of the Society, as named in a list prefixed to the first page of the records, were "Rev. Mr. Gardiner, Emerson, Gray, Harris" (whose name was subsequently erased), "Buckminster, Tuckerman, Peter Thacher, Esq., William S. Shaw, Esq., A. M. Walter, Esq., Dr. John Warren, Jr., Dr. James Jackson, Mr. William Wells, Mr. William Tudor, Mr. S. C. Thacher, Mr. E. T. Dana." At a later period, the Rev. Dr. Kirkland, Mr. Savage, Mr. Ticknor, Dr. Jacob Bigelow, and other gentlemen were admitted; but the number of members was always kept small. The Rev. J. S. J. Gardiner was the first President, Rev. William Emerson, Vice-President, and Mr. S. C. Thacher, Editor. The latter, however, soon found that some persons not connected with the Society considered him as "the responsible director of the publication," and he intimated an intention to resign, unless the Constitution was amended in this particular. Accordingly, at the meeting, Jan. 9, 1806, it was unanimously voted that the word "editor" be expunged from the Constitution, and the words "superintending committee" used instead of it. The Society was intended to be a social as well as a literary club; and, at each meeting, which commonly lasted until about midnight, there was a supper. At first the Society met at the houses of the members; but, after nearly a year's trial, it was found desirable to change this plan, and an arrangement was made with one Cooper, who had a house "in Congress Street, through an archway," to provide a room and furnish the supper. Cooper, who was probably the clerk of Trinity Church, continued to be their host during most of the remaining period of the Society's existence. So early as Dec. 6, 1805, it was found necessary to fix a maximum price for the suppers, and it was voted that this maximum should be \$9. From the latter part of 1808, it was the practice of the Secretary to record the amount of each member's bill, which seldom exceeded the specified sum.

The doings at the weekly meetings are recorded in a very free and easy

Present — The President, Blagden, Ellis, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., F. C. Gray, Hoar, Jenks, Lowell, Merrill, Paige, Pierce, Shattuck, Shaw, Shurtleff, Sibley, Ticknor, Wheatland, White, Willard, and Young.

JOSEPH WILLARD,

Recording Secretary.

[Four Resident Members died since the last annual meeting: viz., Benjamin Merrill, LL.D., Rev. Samuel Ripley, Rev. John Codman, and Hon. John Quincy Adams. With the exception of a memoir of Dr. Codman, no biographical notice of either of these members has appeared in the Society's volumes. They are here supplied. — Eds.]

style, often with the statement that "we had a very pleasant time," or words of similar import, and with abundant details in regard to the authorship of the articles in the "Anthology," and the opinions entertained by the Society of the communications sent for insertion in the magazine. But there are very few passages which could be properly cited in this note, and the records are too private and personal in their character to be printed in full. A close supervision was kept over the articles furnished by volunteer contributors, and many of them were referred to some member for revision. A similar course was sometimes followed with regard to the contributions of members themselves and of gentlemen who had been requested to prepare papers for publication in the "Anthology." The magazine does not appear to have been financially successful, and there are frequent references to controversies with the printers. This circumstance, and the difficulty of obtaining contributions regularly and promptly from all the members of the Society, were doubtless the principal causes of the discontinuance of the work and the dissolution of the Society. The record of the last meeting bears date July 2, 1811, and is confined to a single word, — "Finis." — Eds.

Notice of Benjamin Merrill, LL.D.

Benjamin Merrill, of Salem, died in Salem on Friday morning July 30, 1847.

His father, Thomas Merrill, was the son of Deacon John and Lydia (Haynes) Merrill, of Haverhill, and was one of the first settlers of Conway, New Hampshire, where Benjamin was born March 15, 1784. His mother was Elizabeth, daughter of Benjamin and Abigail (Abbot) Abbot, of Andover, Massachusetts, born Nov. 8, 1738, died Oct. 12, 1789. Before he was seven years of age, he lost both of his parents, and was left, together with an older brother (Dr. John Merrill, of Portland), without any means of support but a few acres of unthrifty land in Conway; yet they were encouraged by a near relative, who had led the way himself to a liberal education. In 1797, they entered Phillips (Exeter) Academy, and, in 1800, were admitted students of Harvard College, graduating in the Class of 1804.

Under that eminent instructor, the venerable Dr. Abbot (who was also his kinsman), he was thoroughly fitted for college, and well grounded in classical learning. At college, he sustained a pure and elevated character with a high rank for scholarship. Among the members of his class, he was a general favorite.

After graduation, he studied law successively with the late William Steadman (Harvard, 1784), of Lancaster, and Francis D. Channing (Harvard, 1794), of Boston. He first opened his office for the practice of the law in Marlborough, but within a year he removed to Lynn, and not long after established himself as a lawyer in Salem, where he passed the residue of his life. For several years, he was connected in professional business with the Hon. Samuel Putnam, — probably till the latter was raised to the bench of the Supreme Judicial Court.

His meritorious character at once secured him friends wherever he resided. Making no pretensions to forensic eloquence, and shrinking from every thing like display before the public, always contenting himself in argument with the fewest and plainest words, he yet attained a high standing in his profession; while by his rare virtues, talents, and acquirements he made himself the object of respect and attachment among all classes of his fellow-citizens. His society was sought by the most intellectual and refined, who were delighted by his brilliant wit and humor, and sure to be instructed from the rich storehouse of his learning and varied knowledge.

Mr. Merrill's integrity, sound judgment, and learning, inspired universal confidence, and gained for him an ample professional income, and, what is more precious, an undying good name. He never aspired to political honors or lucrative offices, while he took the liveliest interest in seeing those worthily bestowed, and in promoting by his personal exertions the peace, order, and welfare of his country. His familiar acquaintance with American affairs and all important civil and juridical transactions, attracted general notice, and he was often consulted for light and guidance by those in eminent public stations, as well as by his numerous friends. He was free and generous in the use of his valuable knowledge, liberally imparting it as occasion required, whether upon consultation, in casual conversation, or in the journals of the day. He was independent as he was free in the expression of his sentiments, aiming, not at popularity, but at truth and right; yet the purity of his character was never sullied by the breath of slander. Inflexible in his political principles, — principles of the old Washington and Hamilton schools, — he often employed in their support the keenest weapons of wit and satire.

He was elected into various learned societies, and chosen to preside over a number of the literary and other institu-

tions of the city of his adoption. He was often solicited to accept office at the hands of the people or their representatives. The most appropriate honor he received was the degree of Doctor of Laws from Harvard University, the highest honor in the gift of his Alma Mater.

Mr. Merrill was never married.

H. W.

Notice of Rev. Samuel Ripley.

Samuel Ripley was descended from William Ripley, one of the early settlers of Hingham, Massachusetts. This William came from England in 1638, and purchased the farm on which Samuel Ripley's grandfather was born. Mr. Ripley's father was the late Rev. Ezra Ripley, D.D., of Concord, Massachusetts, who married Phoebe, widow of the late Rev. William Emerson, his immediate predecessor, and daughter of the Rev. Daniel Bliss, the immediate predecessor of Mr. Emerson, and Whitefield's associate and intimate friend. She had one son by her first marriage, afterwards the Rev. William Emerson, pastor of the First Church in Boston, and father of R. W. Emerson, of Concord.

Samuel was Dr. Ripley's eldest son, born March 11, 1788. His father fitted him for college, and he graduated at Cambridge in good standing in 1804. He became a tutor soon after in the family of Colonel John Tayloe, of Mount Airy, Virginia. Colonel Tayloe was then a member of Congress, living with his family in Washington while Congress was in session, and the New England country had appreciated and profited by the advantage of his residence in the family of a gentleman of wealth, refinement, and social distinction. Returning from Virginia, he studied for the ministry, and on the 22d of November, 1809, was settled as pastor over the Congregational Church in Waltham. On the 6th of October, 1818, he was married to Sarah Alden Bradford, daughter of

Captain Gamaliel Bradford, of Charlestown. His parish was never large, and his salary always small ; therefore, like many other New England ministers, he made up the deficiency by preparing boys for college, and directing the studies of suspended and rusticated students, and with his wife's help he carried on these pursuits successfully during a thirty years' residence in Waltham.

In the mean time a manufacturing village had grown up on the south side, while on the north side of the town lived the farmers, who made up the larger part of Mr. Ripley's parish. This led to the formation in the new settlement of another Unitarian society under the pastoral care of the late Rev. Bernard Whitman, with whom Mr. Ripley lived in close esteem and friendship until the former's lamented death. Soon after that event, it was thought to be for the best that the two societies should come together. Accordingly, they were united and incorporated as the Independent Congregational Society, and the Rev. George F. Simmons and Mr. Ripley were settled as pastor and associate pastor. But he soon resigned this position, and undertook the pastoral charge of the Unitarian Society in Lincoln, in which he continued during the rest of his life. His father died in 1841, and in 1846 he gave up his school and retired to his paternal homestead in Concord. He died suddenly, in his carriage, of disease of the heart, Nov. 24, 1847, aged sixty-four, leaving a widow and six surviving children. Ezra, his second son, Lieutenant of Volunteers, died in the service of the United States in 1863.

The following is part of a letter written to Mrs. Ripley by R. W. Emerson, of Concord, on the occasion of the death of the subject of this notice.

" I heard with surprise and grief of your loss, and the shock with which it came. The greatest loss to you and all your household, without repair ; the loss to me, also, of a dear old friend, like whom I have now few enough.

"He was the hoop that held us all staunch, with his sympathies of family, and with that disinterestedness which we have hardly witnessed in any other person. What rare devotion to his friends! What a cloud of witnesses I recall, who will thankfully and affectionately press his claim to almost the first place among faithful and efficient benefactors. I may well say benefactor; for in will and in act he was both early and late one of mine, and never otherwise. I know not where we shall find, in a man of his station and experience, a heart so large, or a spirit so blameless and of a childlike innocence."

With a disposition to which concealment was impossible, warm feelings, and a temper naturally hasty, Mr. Ripley's ardent Federalism brought him into some difficulty at a time in his earlier ministry when party spirit ran high.

The late Hon. Christopher Gore, of Waltham, his father's classmate, was then his parishioner and friend, and his superior judgment and steady support were of the greatest value. Mr. Ripley cherished his memory with a filial affection, and loved to acknowledge and gratefully dwell on the advice and aid by which his youth and inexperience had been supported and guided.

He compiled a memoir of Mr. Gore for the Historical Society, which is published among their Collections.

His only other known publication is a descriptive and historical sketch of Waltham, also written for the Society.

C. G. B.

Memoir of John Quincy Adams.

The life of John Adams has been given, and how he married the granddaughter of John Quincy. One of the results of the union was the birth of a son, just as that old man was breathing his last, on July 11, 1767; so it happened that in memory of his great-grandfather the child was christened John Quincy Adams. The times were becoming darker and darker in the Massachusetts. The boy had scarcely reached his seventh year, when his mother, one evening, took him up with her to a wooded height behind their residence, from which they could hear the boom of heavy cannon, and see the flames of burning houses. It was the conflict at Bunker Hill. The boy lived on for seventy years and more, but he never forgot that spectacle.

But a short time elapsed, and his father was called out to take an active part in the struggle with the mother country, which then threatened to break out. John Adams was marked among the men convened in Philadelphia for his efforts to push for independence. He early foresaw no safe alternative in the struggle but that, and on the 4th of July, 1776, with his aid and that of others, the issue was boldly laid before the world.

This was barely the commencement of things. War was sure to follow, and the means of carrying it on against the mother country were to be gathered from every and any favorable source, abroad as well as at home. Among others, the eyes of many of the leaders were fixed on the prospect of aid from France. To that end some agents had been early sent out, but their modes of action had not proved harmonious. It was therefore decided by Congress to despatch John Adams. But John Adams then had a wife at home and five young children, the eldest not eleven years old. What was to be done with them in his absence? The mother was not

terrified. John Adams would take with him his eldest boy, and his other three children would remain under her care in his absence.

This decision fixed the career of John Quincy. In three of the voyages made to and fro in quick succession, the last two being in a French frigate, he learned much faster to be a man than if he had been at a common school for years. His command of the French language he never lost, and it proved of the greatest service to him in the sequel. For it must be remembered that the first voyage of John Adams was made with a view to the establishment of some settled plan of co-operation between France and America, this being rendered imperative by reason of the dissensions which had grown up between the persons first sent out. Dr. Franklin and the Lees had been at odds, and several adventurers had attached themselves to each side with an eye to personal advantage rather than to the common good. Perceiving at once the source of the trouble, Mr. Adams promptly wrote home to Congress, pointing it out with clearness, and recommending as a remedy the immediate withdrawal of all the agents, with the single exception of Dr. Franklin. In this category he included himself. Hence he at once made preparations to depart. But Count de Vergennes, on learning his intention, felt such a sense of relief through this promptness that he forthwith offered him, on the part of the sovereign, places in the French frigate just equipped to carry to America the first diplomatic agent despatched to recognize the rising nation. This offer was gladly accepted, and the father and son reached Boston without further difficulty. Thus had passed the first European trip of John Quincy, who forgot every thing else in his return to his doting mother. But scarcely was she able to realize the change, when another edict came from Philadelphia, directing her husband to go back, in conjunction with several others commissioned, for the purpose of sparing no effort to secure the good will, if not

the direct aid, of any or all the great Continental Powers. So Mr. Adams was fain to lose no time in returning to the very same vessel that brought him out, which had been kindly offered by the French minister in Philadelphia on learning his new errand. This time Mr. Adams found himself surrounded by friends and acquaintances, going in the same vessel and bound on like errands, — Mr. Jay, directed to try his fortune for the country in Spain, and Mr. Francis Dana, named as secretary to Mr. Adams; but himself, in certain contingencies, authorized to appear diplomatically elsewhere on the scene. It was this last contingency that settled the future career of John Quincy, then only eleven years of age. In three of the four voyages made forward and backward by his father to France in quick succession, two of them being in French men-of-war, the youth had lost no time in mastering the French language so completely as to keep it at command for the rest of his life; an advantage to every American of that day in Europe of itself alone, but most especially in any responsible position into which he might be likely to fall. Neither was it a great while before it was fully brought into use.

Coeval with the election of John Adams by the members of Congress as a diplomatic agent in France, there sprang up in the Congress an earnest desire at least to sound the disposition towards the new country of several of the other powers of Europe. Among these stood that of Russia, then under the sway of the Empress Catharine, and scarcely pleased with the somewhat haughty assumptions not unfrequently marking the policy of the rulers of the fast-anchored Isle. Hence it happened that whilst the Congress was engaged in selecting agents to conciliate the good will of Spain and Holland and even Prussia in the last days of Frederick, it very naturally extended at least to a chance of trying to soften her so far as to enlist her sympathy. Such were doubtless the motives which prompted

the Americans to catch at the possibility of securing more or less of favor by a contingent mission. In this sense must have been drawn the proposition to authorize Mr. Francis Dana, originally made the secretary to Mr. Adams's mission, to act, in case of favorable tidings from St. Petersburg, in a higher diplomatic capacity. Doubtless some such news came from St. Petersburg, the consequence of which was that Mr. Dana made his preparations to go. But then came the need of an assistant to act both as secretary and interpreter. Who could suit him better than young Adams, though barely thirteen years old? The father consented, and he was commissioned.

Thus he remained in St. Petersburg for fourteen months. With little of material importance to do officially, he might, if he had so chosen, have amused himself with all such entertainments as are ever open to most idlers in the Courts of Europe when nations are at peace. Instead of this, he devoted his time to the study of the best productions of antiquity, as well as of the authors of modern times. Four small note-books are left, showing in a very close hand a record not only of his study of the ancient classics, but likewise his drains from the best English poets and prose-writers, both early and late. Here he laid the foundation of his love of poetic composition, which he carried to his grave. But when Mr. Dana expressed an intention to remain over another year, his yearnings to go back to his father got the better of him, and he decided to return even though alone and at the risk of a very rough winter journey. On the 30th of October, being then fifteen years old, he left the capital of Russia to go to Stockholm, which he reached in twenty-four days. Thence, after a stay of five weeks, he proceeded to Copenhagen, which consumed six weeks. After some stay there, he again set forth and travelled alone until the 20th of April, 1783, when he once more saluted his father, then having his residence at the Hague.

Meanwhile great events had passed, which materially changed the position both of the father and the son. Great Britain had given up in despair all hope of recovering her recusant colonies, and a negotiation was just then in progress at Paris between the respective powers to secure a peace. The youth accompanied his father to that city, and became immediately enlisted as an aid in the service. The treaty having thus been completed, the next news was the transfer of John Adams to Great Britain, there to serve as the first diplomatic representative of her triumphant subjects in the Court of George the Third.

The transfer of John Adams to this post was an event seriously affecting the relations of all his family. He decided at once to call his wife and daughter to London and join him. But what was his son to do? The relatives all wanted him to go too, and the temptation was very great. He was now fifteen years of age, but his broken mode of life had not been favorable to a systematic mode of education which he particularly needed. He had read and studied more perhaps than any youth of his age at home, but never under discipline of any kind. The attraction, too, of his mother and sister, whom he had not seen for so long, was overpowering. He thought it all over with care. The result he came to is on record. "I am determined," he writes, "that so long as I shall be able to get my own living in an honorable manner, I will depend upon no one."

In this sentence the die was cast, and his future career was made. He crossed the Atlantic and set himself quietly down to prepare for his entry into Harvard College. The result was his admission to the third year in the progress of the class, and his issue from that institution with honors in the autumn of 1787, he being twenty years of age. The next thing to be considered was the choice of a profession. He fixed upon the law, and applied to Theophilus Parsons, then fast advancing to his high reputation, which made him

ultimately Chief Justice of Massachusetts. Having filled the novitiate of three years, he was finally admitted to practise as a lawyer on the 15th of July, 1790, at the age of twenty-three.

At this moment his position was by no means a flattering one. The home of his parents was empty, and an absence of ten years, during such an era as had passed away, had materially changed the habits and manners of the population which had grown up in the interval. Many, reduced to poverty and unable to pay their debts, had given indications of hostility to law and lawyers, which ultimately broke out into open violence. Mr. Adams was known only by a very small circle of persons confined within the limits of Boston, and these chiefly from a remembrance of his father. But if he was slow in collecting profitable business, he was quick to seize any opportunity presented of developing his capacity to deal with great questions of public law. It had so happened that, soon after the organization of the new Federal system under the Presidency of Washington, the fearful Revolution broke out in France, which sharply divided the opinion of rising young men all over the world. On the one side in England appears Burke with all the development of his splendid eloquence in maintenance of established institutions; on the other comes forth Thomas Paine, wielding a magic popular wand in his pamphlet on the rights of man. Here sprang up a controversy which shook the chief governments of Christian civilization. Nowhere was it more sensibly felt than in America. An opposition of sentiment soon showed itself in the newly created cabinet of Washington, who had blended within its compass the very opposite thinkers, Jefferson and Hamilton. Many other writers contributed their views to the newspapers warmly on one side or the other. Among them appeared a series of papers in Boston under the anonymous title of *Publicola*, treating the whole question at issue, and especially the pam-

phlet of Paine, with remarkable lucidity and force. Singularly enough, the series was early collected and printed in pamphlet form, not merely in America, but also in each of the three capitals of Great Britain, as well as in France and Holland.

In the Cabinet of Washington, there was a marked difference touching the merit of these papers. Whilst Jefferson was not slow in denouncing them, they met with careful attention from the President himself. He manifested his preference by soon nominating John Quincy Adams to the Senate as a diplomatic envoy to the States-General of Holland. This act soon received the concurrence of the Senate, and on the 17th of September, 1794, Mr. Adams embarked in a merchant vessel bound to England. From thence the transit was easy to the Hague, which place he reached on the last day of the year. Here he remained for several years, varied only once by orders from his government to repair to Great Britain, and in the absence of Mr. Pinkney, temporarily sent to Spain, to complete the exchange of the ratification of the unsavory treaty which had been negotiated by John Jay, and has ever since borne his name. Only one little incident which he mentions in his Diary may be here introduced as significative of the manner in which an American envoy was regarded by that country. After making an appointment to meet Mr. Adams at a specified hour at the Foreign office for the purpose of reconciling, if possible, some grave question in the treaty, when the day and hour came round which had been designated for the interview, lo and behold, his Lordship was not there. *He had utterly forgotten it.* Not insensible of this rudeness, however, his Lordship tried to make up for it the next day by a conversation of three hours, and by dubbing his visitor with a title to which he could have no pretension. This incident is only worth noting as illustrative of the diplomatic courtesy of that day. Had a similar meeting been

appointed with a representative of France or of Russia no such negligence would have happened.

Be this as it may, the reports made by Mr. Adams to the President were of a kind materially to increase his confidence in him as a public servant. As a proof of it, he first advanced him by transfer from Holland to Portugal, and next by an earnest injunction to his successor in the government, the father, John Adams, not to permit his relationship to be a barrier in the way of his promotion. The effect of this was only a change of place. John Quincy Adams was transferred to Berlin, where he remained for four years, down to the close of his father's administration. Meantime he had married a young lady, the daughter of the American consul in London, Louisa Catherine Johnson, with whom he shared his fortunes for more than fifty years.

In 1801, Mr. Adams decided to return home. He had been absent eight years. The political revolution, which had established Mr. Jefferson in the place of his father, could scarcely be regarded as having been a misfortune, inasmuch as it proved the means of rapidly advancing him in importance on better fields for the exercise of his powers at home. On the 3d of February, 1803, he was elected by the Legislature of his native State a Senator of the United States, and he took his seat accordingly in that body on the 21st of October of that year. Here he spent five years, during which the country passed through severe trials by reason of the agitation predominating among the powers of Europe on the high seas. Whilst both parties in America agreed on a policy of neutrality between the combatants, they differed widely in their sympathies with them. In their policy on the ocean, there can be no doubt that the British power showed itself infinitely the most aggressive. On contested points, Mr. Adams took a decided stand in favor of the course of the government, which, in its turn, brought upon him disapprobation at home to such a

degree that, at the expiration of his term of office, another gentleman, Mr. James Lloyd, by a close vote, was elected in his place. Party spirit often loses more than it gains by such operations. In this instance Mr. Madison, just at the moment coming into the Presidential seat, was not slow in nominating Mr. Adams to the Senate as Minister Plenipotentiary to the Empire of Russia, and the Senate confirmed the nomination. The result was, that on the 5th of August, 1809, he embarked with his wife and youngest son, and three members of his legation, in the merchant-ship "Horace," owned by William Gray, — then and long afterward the leading merchant of that town, — and bound straight to St. Petersburg. The voyage was long and severe, extending to two months and eighteen days, the winter having already set in by the close of October. But on his arrival he was promptly received by the Count Romanzoff, the High Chancellor of the Empire, and through him soon after presented in all the forms to the Emperor, Alexander the First. What a contrast must have presented itself between his position now and that which he had held in the same spot twenty-seven years before! Then he had dined with the French Ambassador of the time desirous to countenance the American envoy and his secretary after the deliberate refusal of the Empress Catharine to recognize the mission; and now, in the identical palace and hall, he had the satisfaction of looking around at the forty-five persons who were assembled to meet him as a representative of his country, recognized by Russia as on an equal footing with them all. He records in his Diary of the next day this event as merely illustrative of the mutability of human fortunes. In any event, it does not appear that the British representative had been made one of the diplomatic circle. Neither then nor at any other period of his stay was there the slightest indication of cordiality in that quarter. On the other hand, the effect of this proceeding was to draw closer the sympathy of the

Emperor of Russia and his ministers with Mr. Adams and America. As matters went on from bad to worse, and the British jealousy finally broke out in pushing matters to the last resort, it is due to the government of the Czar to say that it lost no opportunity to bring around a reconciliation. In that process, Mr. Adams labored through his correspondence sincerely, and not without success, at home. The end of it was the proposal of the first commission of three persons to repair to St. Petersburg with a view to promote a meeting under the neutral flag of Russia to effect a reconciliation. In all these movements Mr. Adams actively contributed, as long as Count Romanzoff remained in favor, to stir him up to that end. The proposal, as coming from Russia, was met with that sort of lofty awkwardness characteristic of Britain, which, whilst affronting the proposer with a negative, suggested the same thing in their own words to the opponents themselves directly.

Through all these negotiations, Mr. Adams had shown himself an active and earnest supporter of every measure leaning to peace, so far as it seemed consistent with a corresponding disposition on the part of the British negotiators. He has left a record of them in his Diary now before the world, which gives an interesting view of the fluctuations of the struggle as the parties slowly and gradually surmounted every obstacle, and ultimately came together on common ground. There had been differences between the members of the respective sides, and likewise division in both the camps; but they all vanished as the light of a Christmas sun spread its healing and cheering beams of peace over their hall of assembly. More than half a century has passed away since that day, and the materials of that edifice yet remain to show the solidity with which it was then put together.

This happy result having been reached, the next question was to decide what Mr. Adams should do. His family had

remained quietly in St. Petersburg, expecting his return. But as his health had been materially affected by five long winters spent there, whilst that of Mrs. Adams was by no means confirmed, he came to the conclusion in any event not to resume that post. Accordingly he gave the necessary directions for the removal of his family to Paris. That long land journey, undertaken by her in the depth of winter with one child and one female servant, but strongly protected by the authority of the Russian government as well as the diplomatic shield, was happily accomplished, and she arrived safely in that city on the 23d of March, 1815, just after the return of the Emperor Napoleon, then on his last desperate effort to reinstate himself in power by force of arms. Meantime despatches were on their way from Washington instructing Mr. Adams to repair to London in the capacity of an envoy to the court of Great Britain. On the 10th of May, 1815, the family took their departure for London, which they reached in ten days. He immediately took the necessary measures to establish himself on a durable footing, but this was not to be permitted to him. Scarcely two years elapsed before a change took place, occasioned by the return of a new election in America for the Presidency. The term of Mr. Madison was about to expire, and Mr. Monroe, then in office as Secretary of State, had been elected to serve as his successor. This in its turn made a vacancy in that department, which it was his duty at once to fill. He did so by nominating Mr. Adams. Hence it followed that on the 15th of June, 1817, he embarked with all his family in a sailing vessel from Cowes, having spent two years in Great Britain with great relief. The voyage by the slow process of that time lasted fifty-two days; at last the family, on the 18th of August, 1817, arrived at the residence in Quincy of his father and mother, still surviving, after a separation of eight eventful years. The former, indeed, survived strong and hearty to his nine-

tieth year; but the latter had barely time to embrace her son once more; for the dread disorder which terminated her days set in shortly after his departure for his post at Washington, and he never saw his mother again. The Department of State to which he had been assigned by the President had been for some time needing active invigoration, and he set about it at once. Many duties had been called for by Congress in their nature highly laborious. One of these was a report, on the difficult subject of weights and measures. That work has even within a few years been reprinted by others and recognized as a standard work for circulation.

The administration of President Monroe had been composed of persons of distinguished abilities, who, as the double term of eight years passed away, laid open a question of succession, which it was found difficult to decide. The friends of Mr. Crawford, Mr. Calhoun, and Mr. Adams, vied with each other in zeal to support their respective candidates, while outside of the Cabinet there gradually sprang up from the popular will apart from political disputation a gradual and steady aggregation of support to General Andrew Jackson. The election came, and it was found that no one of the candidates had the requisite majority of votes. Then came into play the provision of the Constitution devolving the selection upon the members of the House of Representatives voting by States. The result was the election of John Quincy Adams by just the requisite number, and the natural discontent of the disappointed voters followed. On the 4th of March, 1825, Mr. Adams was inaugurated as the sixth President of the United States, and he forthwith applied himself rigidly to his duties. He had organized his Cabinet with an earnest desire to retain of those remaining in the Council of his predecessor, especially including Mr. Crawford, one of his most popular rivals. The place made vacant by his own election he of-

ferred to Mr. Clay, himself another rival, whose influence as a member of the House probably turned the scale in the election. He accepted the position. The natural effect was gradually to unite Mr. Crawford's friends and all the discontented in opposition: the chief element of strength being the union of the slaveholding States adverse to a citizen of the North. Hence it followed that at the succeeding election, Mr. Adams was defeated, as his father had been, by the influence of New York; and General Jackson elected in his place. He submitted to this with little outward manifestation of disappointment, and forthwith applied himself in private life to the cultivation of such of his literary tastes as had remained dormant in politics, but would be developed by existing demands around him. Those demands went on thickening, until, to him, a most unexpected event occurred to give another current to his life. The Representative in the Congress of the United States from his district in Massachusetts, a very worthy clergyman residing in the neighboring town of Hingham, not finding himself at ease in political struggles, called to see Mr. Adams to apprise him of his intention to retire; and furthermore to sound him on his disposition to accept his post. The answer was of a nature to leave open a possibility of his consent if called upon in good faith. The result was an election by a large majority of votes. Mr. Adams himself noted the conclusion in his Diary of the 7th of November, 1830, in these words: "I am a member elect of the Twenty-second Congress."

The first session of the Twenty-second Congress commenced on the 5th of December, 1831, and Mr. Adams took his seat punctually on that day. He was then sixty-two years old, and, in despite of his advancing age, he continued to serve faithfully in the same capacity until the 23d of February, 1848, when he, like William Pitt in the old country, met with the fatal stroke as he was rising to address the

House. During this period of seventeen years, he displayed a courage and exercised a power in debate over that assembly which it has been the lot of few men to approach. Never popular in the common sense of the term, he yet accumulated during a long career an ever-increasing control over the sentiment of a proportion of the people, which greatly accelerated the inevitable crisis; that power which had been strong enough not merely to overthrow him when President, but to dictate the nomination of every subsequent chief magistrate, until at last it fell in the fearful struggle at arms to which it had itself so rashly ventured to appeal.

A succession of Presidents have already passed along in the view of the constantly growing nation, and there doubtless will be many more. They may, indeed, be marked more or less by qualities distinguishing them from one another. But the life of John Quincy Adams displays a character in two particulars peculiar to himself. First, he was for sixty years and more not merely a student of literature, but a constant student of the Scriptures. His custom was to read the Bible once a year, a practice which he pursued with steadiness in several countries, and despite the most engrossing engagements. This testimony of his fidelity is only partially disclosed in the course of his letters addressed from St. Petersburg, in Russia, to his sons whom he left in America. In point of fact, he carried the practice to his grave. It may reasonably be doubted whether in this respect he does not stand alone in the long range of Presidents of nearly a century.

The second peculiarity of Mr. Adams among American statesmen was his delight in literature, and especially in poetry. From the period of his residence in St. Petersburg with Mr. Dana, the traces of his unceasing industry in translation of the classics are abundant in the versions which he left behind him. From prose he passed to poetry. This taste clung to him for the rest of life. Besides translating

the ancients, he undertook, at least, one of the modern poets.

Neither was he satisfied with these alone. Pleased by the German poem of Oberon, just issued by Wieland in Germany, he made a translation of it, which he was diverted from publishing only by the earlier undertaking of Sotheby. Not satisfied with this trifling, he proceeded in later life to render the Psalms into verse, and he published a poem entitled "Dermot McMorrogh," which, though not entitled to be ranked in the first class, is not without passages worthy to be admired for their combination of vigor with beauty. But his greatest triumph in this field was reserved to be his last. It was the custom, not yet quite obsolete, for ladies visiting the seat of government to levy autographs from the more distinguished officers in the different departments in Washington. Not long before his decease, an occasion occurred when a member of Congress, stirred by his partner, begged of him some contribution of that kind to her autograph-book. Mr. Adams returned home, and in the course of the night brought forth a poem based upon the well-known lines,

"Man wants but little here below,
Nor wants that little long."

It might seem extravagant to describe the effect which that little production had over the whole country from end to end; requests for copies poured in upon the writer far beyond his capacity to supply. At last some adventurous printer undertook to put it in a small volume together with a selection from other light productions, in an interior town of New York, which met with an extensive sale and was soon exhausted. Even now, at a distance of forty years, applications for copies occasionally occur.

Lastly, and to sum up what may be said of John Quincy Adams when put in contrast with any or all of his prede-

cessors or successors thus far in the Presidential chair, he stands far above them all in two essential respects: the first, his mastery of the Scriptures; the second, his devotion to poetry, to literature, and all scholarlike accomplishments.

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MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, May 25, 1848, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, LUCIUS R. PAIGE was chosen Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Mr. John Leavitt, the Boston Society of Natural History, Rev. O. Fowler, Isaac Boyle, D.D., the Cheap Postage Association, and from Messrs. Winthrop, Sibley, Everett, Quincy, Young, White, and Lunt, of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Hon. David Sears, accepting his election as Resident Member.

Voted, That the Librarian be empowered to purchase, at the auction next week, such volumes of newspapers as he may judge for the interest of the Society, to an amount not exceeding thirty dollars.

* The Treasurer made a verbal statement concerning the fund subscribed by Nathan Appleton and others.*

The President read a letter from Rev. J. Mayhew to Hon. J. Otis.

* The subscriptions noticed in the Treasurer's last account. — Eds.

No communications were received from the members of the First Section.*

Present — The President, Adams, Bartlett, Budington, I. P. Davis, Ellis, Felt, Francis, R. Frothingham, Jr., F. C. Gray, Lowell, Paige, Pierce, Quincy, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, and Sparks.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, June 29, 1848, 12 M. Stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Susquehanna Coal Company, Mrs. Robinson, of New York, Messrs. Leonard & Cunningham, Charles M. Ellis, Esq., Mr. William H. Dennet, United States Congress, Mr. Richard M. Chipman, N. I. Bowditch, Esq., and Messrs. Shurtleff and Bowen, of the Society.

The Librarian also communicated the two following letters: viz., 1. From P. S. Brown, as President, and M. W. Dickinson, as Corresponding Secretary, dated June 10, 1848, announcing the formation in Philadelphia of a society called "The Society for the Development of the Mineral Resources of the United States." 2. From J. Munsell, of Albany, asking the Society's acceptance of a large number of pamphlets, the Society paying the expense of the transportation; also, inquiring whether

* Benjamin R. Nichols, chosen a member of the Society Jan. 28, 1819, died April 30, 1848. A memoir by Dr. Wheatland is in this volume, on p. 427. — Ede.

the Society's Collections can be had in exchange for respectable historical and other works, and the price; and presenting a copy of his Almanac for 1849.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. SHATTUCK,

Voted, That the Librarian be requested to say to Mr. Munsell that the Society will accept his pamphlets on the terms proposed, and to inquire of him the nature of the historical and other works he proposes to exchange for the Society's Collections.

E. GEORGE SQUIER, Esq., of Chillicothe, Ohio, nominated at the last April meeting for Corresponding Member, was elected, — Dr. WHEATLAND, Scrutinizing Committee.

Present — The President, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., Lowell, Paige, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Wheatland, and Willard.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, July 27, 1848, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting.

In the absence of the President, Professor SPARKS was chosen President *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Mr. J. Munsell, the City of Roxbury, Peter Force, Esq., William Duane, Esq., the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Hon. John Davis, and from Messrs. Young, Shurtleff, Bowen, and Sibley, of the Society.

Mr. SPARKS laid before the Society a prospectus of "Bibliographia Americana; a bibliographical account

of the sources of early American history, comprising a description of books relating to America printed prior to the year 1700, and of all books printed in America from 1543 to 1700, together with notices of many of the more important unpublished manuscripts. Prepared by Henry Stevens, and published under the direction of the Smithsonian Institution at Washington."

After some remarks in relation to the nature of the proposed work, it was

Voted, To refer the subject to Messrs. F. C. Gray and Sparks.

No communications were received from the Third Section.

Present — I. P. Davis, Felt, J. C. Gray, Hoar, Jenks, Shurtleff, Sibley, Sparks, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Tuesday, Aug. 22, 1848, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Hon. John Davis, the Virginia Historical Society, Messrs. Francis Brinley, Thomas H. Webb, William E. Hutchins, Payne K. Kilbourn, B. P. Poore, Mrs. Mary Webb, and from Messrs. Winthrop and Willard, of the Society.

On motion of Rev. Dr. YOUNG,

Voted, That the Committee on reprinting the deficient volumes of the Collections cause Vol. II. of Hubbard's "History of New England" to be published within one month.

The Committee on the "Bibliographia Americana" reported verbally that they were of the same opinion as to the importance of the proposed work, but were not of one mind with regard to the expediency of a subscription therefor, on account of the state of the Society's funds.

After some discussion upon the subject, it was, on motion of Mr. DAVIS,

Voted, That the Librarian be directed to subscribe to the proposed work the sum of two hundred dollars, to be paid to Mr. Henry Stevens, who has the work in preparation, by delivering to him, in payment of such subscription, seven sets of each of the entire series of the Society's printed Collections, such payment and delivery to be made on proof of "the acceptance of the manuscript for publication by the Smithsonian Institution." *

On motion of Dr. SHURTLEFF,

Voted, That Hon. Judge Mitchell be requested to prepare for the Society's Collections a memoir of their late member, the Hon. Nathaniel Morton Davis, deceased.†

The Standing Committee nominated, for Resident Member, Dr. Thomas H. Webb, of Boston, *vice* Benjamin R. Nichols, deceased.

No communications were received from the First Section.

Present — The President, Davis, Felt, Francis, N. L. Frothingham, R. Frothingham, Jr., F. C. Gray, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sparks, Wheatland, White, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

* It is believed that this contemplated work of Mr. Stevens was never published. — Eds.

† Hon. N. M. Davis was chosen a member July 30, 1840, and died July 29, 1848. Mr. Mitchell's memoir is in 4 Collections, IV. 492-494. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Sept. 28, 1848, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF was chosen Recording Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the State of Connecticut, Rev. Dr. Cogswell, Rev. Allen Greely, James S. Cooper, Josiah Quincy, Jr., and from Mr. Sibley, of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated the acceptance of Sylvester Judd, Esq., as Resident Member.

The Librarian announced the reception of the reprint of Hubbard's "History of New England."

Dr. THOMAS HOPKINS WEBB was chosen Resident Member, *vice* B. R. Nichols, Esq., deceased, — Messrs. PAIGE and BUDINGTON, Scrutinizing Committee.

The President read a letter from Rev. George Whitefield to Rev. Mr. Cooper.

No communications were received from the Second Section.

Present — The President, Budington, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., Hoar, Lowell, Paige, Pierce, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Ticknor, White, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Oct. 26, 1848, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. James Loring and David Pulsifer, also from Mr. Everett, of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated the acceptance of Dr. Thomas Hopkins Webb as Resident Member.

The President nominated, for Corresponding Member, Payne Kenyon Kilbourn, of Litchfield, Connecticut.

The following letters were read: viz., 1. By the President, from Judge Oliver to Governor Hutchinson, Aug. 16, 1769. 2. By Mr. Felt, from J. Curwin, Esq., addressed probably to the Governor of Massachusetts Colony, relative to the affairs of New England, and written from London, December, 1660. 3. By Dr. Lowell, from George Johnston to John Horne, Esq., 27th of January, 1778, Kensington, in relation to conciliation with America, and declining the command of a squadron of frigates in the Gulf of Florida for the purpose of coercing the American Colonies.*

On motion of the Treasurer,

Voted, That the President and Treasurer be authorized to make sale of the nine shares in the capital stock of the Western Railroad

* These letters were simply read at the meeting, and were probably not placed in the Society's Library, neither were they published in the Collections. Other letters or papers, it will be seen, were similarly communicated. — Eds.

Corporation, whenever they shall deem the same expedient to be made.

Present — The President, Appleton, Blagden, Davis, Ellis, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., Jenks, Lowell, Minot, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Webb, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Nov. 23, 1848, 12 m. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, LEMUEL SHATTUCK was chosen Recording Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Edward Jarvis, R. B. Forbes, Dean Dudley, Nathaniel Bouton, William Crowell, from the Smithsonian Institute, and from Messrs. Savage, Worcester, and Webb, of the Society.

PAYNE KENYON KILBOURN, of Litchfield, Connecticut, was elected Corresponding Member, — Messrs. BUDINGTON and WEBB, Scrutinizing Committee.

Present — The President, Budington, Davis, Felt, Frothingham, Jenks, Lowell, Sears, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Ticknor, Webb, White, and Worcester.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Dec. 28, 1848, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Samuel Parker, Alexander Vattermare, William S. Barton, of Worcester, and from Messrs. Everett, Webb, Willard, Winthrop, and Sibley, of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a donation from the Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries at Copenhagen of a copy of "Mémoires de la Société Royale des Antiquaires du Nord, 1845-1847"; also, a "Guide to Northern Archæology, by the Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries of Copenhagen, edited for the use of English readers by the Right Honorable the Earl of Ellesmere, London, 1848."

On motion of Dr. LOWELL, the Librarian and Treasurer were chosen a committee to consider the expediency of printing a new catalogue of the Society, and to report thereupon.

Voted, That Messrs. Willard, Paige, and R. Frothingham, Jr., be a committee to consider the expediency of preparing, in behalf of the Society, a memorial to the General Court on the subject of an amendment of the laws relating to the registration of births, marriages, and deaths; and, if they deem such memorial expedient, to report a draft thereof for the consideration of the Society.

Voted, That Messrs. Adams, Appleton, Davis, Willard, and Shattuck be a committee to draft and forward to the Congress of the United States a petition, in behalf of the Massachusetts Historical Society, for the donation of a copy of the "American Archives" for the Library of the Society.

Present — The President, Adams, Appleton, Davis, Felt, Francis, R. Frothingham, Jr., Jenks, Lowell, Paige, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Wheatland, Webb, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1849.

Thursday, Jan. 25, 1849, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

In the absence of the Secretary, NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF was chosen Recording Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Hon. John Davis, of Worcester, Joel Munsell, of Albany, and from Messrs. Savage, Winthrop, Webb, Sears, and Shurtleff, of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated the acceptance of Payne Kenyon Kilbourn, of Litchfield, Connecticut, as Corresponding Member.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to consider the expediency of preparing, in behalf of the Society, a memorial to the General Court on the subject of an amendment of the laws relating to the registration of births, marriages, and deaths, made a report, concluding, "that it is inexpedient for the Society at the present time to propose any specific changes in the law, or, as a body, to take any immediate action upon the subject." Whereupon, it was

Voted, To accept the report.

The Committee on the Catalogue of the Library reported upon the necessity of a suitable printed catalogue, but that it was inexpedient at present to take any measures upon the subject, for the want of the necessary funds.

Mr. APPLETON, from the Committee on the "American Archives" appointed at the last meeting, reported that they had attended to the subject.

Voted, That Messrs. Francis C. Gray, Nathan Appleton, Alexander Young, Peleg W. Chandler, and Geo. W. Blagden be a committee to address a memorial to the General Court in relation to the statement recently made by the Secretary of State concerning certain papers in possession of this Society, and claimed as the property of the State, and to take such other measures in the premises as they may deem expedient.*

On motion of Dr. YOUNG,

Voted, That hereafter the price of the reprinted edition of "Hubbard's History" be three dollars when sold singly, and when sold in sets to be the same as heretofore.

* The statement referred to as recently made by the Secretary of State of Massachusetts, William B. Calhoun, was in his Report for Jan. 3, 1849, House Document No. 3. "It may not be inappropriate here to refer, as my predecessor heretofore has done, to 'certain writings called the Hutchinson Papers,' which were formerly in this office, but are now in the Library of the Massachusetts Historical Society. There is not to be found any sufficient authority by which a transfer of these papers was made. If the analytical index recommended should be authorized, it will be important to regain the possession of those papers."

In the late Secretary's (Dr. Palfrey's) Report for Jan. 5, 1848, House Document No. 2, p. 9, he had said: "Entertaining the opinion that certain writings called the 'Hutchinson Papers,' formerly in this office, and now in the Library of the Massachusetts Historical Society, were transferred to that collection through a mistake, I have made applications to the Society to have the subject considered, in order that, if my impression should prove to be well founded, the papers might be restored to the custody of the Commonwealth. I have received no reply to the applications, nor has any thing come to my knowledge to change my opinion on the subject. My views, and the manner of presenting them, are on record in the Letter-Book of this office, under dates of Jan. 1, 1846, and Jan. 19 and July 27, 1847." — EDS.

On motion of Mr. F. C. GRAY,

Voted, That the sixteen copies of "Hubbard's History" reserved and remaining in sheets be presented to Mr. W. T. Harris, who performed the duty of editor.*

Present—The President, Appleton, Blagden, Buckingham, Chandler, Davis, Felt, Francis, N. L. Frothingham, R. Frothingham, Jr., F. C. Gray, Lowell, Pierce, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Webb, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Feb. 22, 1849, 12 M. The Society held their meeting,—the President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF was chosen Recording Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

On motion of Mr. F. C. GRAY, the record of the last meeting was amended by inserting the words "with authority" before the words "to address a memorial," &c.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Josiah Quincy, Jr., James S. Loring, Frederic W. Holland, of Boston, Frederic T. Pease, of Albany, from the Virginia Historical and Philosophical Society, the

* Mr. William Thaddeus Harris, who edited for the Society the second edition of Hubbard's History of New England, with elaborate and learned notes, was a son of Dr. Thaddeus William Harris, late Librarian of Harvard College. He died in 1854, aged twenty-eight. For a sketch of his life, see the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, IX. 100. — Eds.

New Jersey Historical Society, and from Messrs. Webb, Austin, Adams, and Pierce, of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from the New Jersey Historical Society, accompanying the third volume of their Transactions.

Mr. George W. Pearson, of Boston, presented to the Society a pine tree shilling, 1652, of a distinct impression.

Mr. F. C. GRAY, from the Publishing Committee, reported progress in the index to the third series of the Society's Collections.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting in relation to the Hutchinson papers reported progress.

Mr. DAVIS, from the First Section, communicated a letter from Rev. Peter Thacher, of Boston, to Lieutenant-Governor Cushing, bearing date 1786; also, a letter from Edward Winslow, of Careswell, to Governor Winthrop, dated 1639; also, extracts from a letter written in 1762 by Mrs. Sarah Gill to her cousin, Mrs. Jane Robbins, relating to the introduction of the version of the Psalms by Tate and Brady into the Thursday Lecture.

Present—The President, Adams, Blagden; Davis, Ellis, Felt, Francis, R. Frothingham, Jr., F. C. Gray, Lowell, Lunt, Pierce, Quincy, Sears, Shurtleff, Sibley, Ticknor, Webb, White, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, March 29, 1849, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Rev. Dr. Parkman, Rev. Bishop Chase, of Illinois, Messrs. Charles J. F. Binney, John P. Bigelow, Martin Moore, Ephraim Eliot, Lucius M. Sargent, John H. Dexter, the Georgia Historical Society, Hon. John Davis, of Worcester, and from Messrs. Savage, Winthrop, Webb, and Willard, of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a circular from Mr. Armstrong, Recording Secretary of the Pennsylvania Historical Society, relating to an intended publication by him of a genealogical history of families in Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland, prior to the year 1830.

A letter from Mr. Pulsifer, in relation to his services on the index, &c., of the third decade of the Society's Collections, addressed to Mr. F. C. Gray, was referred to Messrs. F. C. GRAY, ADAMS, and WINTHROP.

Dr. LOWELL, from the Second Section, read a long and interesting letter from William Tyng, son of Commodore Edward Tyng, dated "Boston, Aug. 10, 1775," addressed to Mr. Trail, then of the Custom House in Portsmouth, and afterward Collector at Bermuda, upon the news of that day.

Voted, That Rev. Dr. Lowell be a committee to address a letter to the heirs of the late Rev. Dr. Belknap, and to request of them a do-

nation of such papers left by Dr. Belknap as may be thought by them to be expedient to give to the Society.

The President nominated, for Corresponding Member, Miss F. M. Caulkins, of Norwich, Connecticut.

Messrs. DAVIS and SHURTLEFF were appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's account, and to make report at the annual meeting.

Present—The President, Appleton, Austin, Davis, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., Jenks, Lamson, Lincoln, Lowell, Paige, Sears, Shurtleff, and Willard.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1849.

Thursday, April 26, 1849, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from "An Alumnus of Harvard College," Dr. Charles T. Jackson, John Daggett, Esq., Miss Dorothy L. Dix, Dr. Danforth P. Wight, Dr. Edward Jarvis, Rev. J. Howard Temple, the Pennsylvania Historical Society, the New Jersey Historical Society, and from Messrs. Savage, Sears, Shurtleff, Wheatland, Webb, Sibley, and Bowen, of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from John Belknap, Esq., in behalf of the heirs of the late Rev. Dr. Belknap, declaring their intention "to retain as family memorials" the papers referred to by the Society; but that "they will be accessible to the

examination of persons engaged in historical research, and particularly to the members of this Society." *

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts made the following report, viz. : —

The undersigned, a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society appointed to examine the accounts of Richard Frothingham, Jr., Treasurer of the Society, have performed that duty, and report that the accounts are well kept, properly vouched, and correctly cast, and that there appears a balance due the Society of two hundred forty-seven dollars and eighty-nine cents.†

I. P. DAVIS,
• NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF, } Committee.

The Treasurer presented his account of the fund subscribed by Nathan Appleton and others, with the expenditure thereof, and of which he was directed to keep a separate account. The same having been read,

Voted, To accept the same. (See files.)

Miss F. M. CAULKINS, of Norwich, Connecticut, was chosen Corresponding Member.

Rev. Dr. Lowell declined being a candidate for re-election to the office of Corresponding Secretary of the Society.

* All the papers of Dr. Belknap which remained in possession of his family were, in 1858, presented to the Society by Miss Elizabeth Belknap, his daughter, and sole surviving child. The gift also included many rare books and pamphlets. See the Proceedings for March, 1858, p. 285. — Eds.

† The aggregate amount of the receipts for the year was \$1,206.22. Of this sum \$597 were from the sale of six shares in the Western Railroad Corporation; \$48 from dividends; \$374.22 from sale of books from Aug. 25, 1846, to March 30, 1849; and \$187 from admission fees, assessments, and subscriptions. The payments amounted to \$1,072.19, — of which sum \$43.87 were for taxes; \$100 for services of the Librarian; \$657.14 for reprinting two volumes of the Collections; \$186.99 on account of cost of printing Vol. X. of the third series; and \$84.19 for miscellaneous expenses. — Eds.

On motion of **GEORGE TICKNOR, Esq.**, it was unanimously

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to the Rev. Charles Lowell, D.D., for his long and faithful services as its Corresponding Secretary.

The Society then proceeded to ballot for officers for the ensuing year, and Messrs. **LINCOLN** and **WHEATLAND** were appointed a committee to collect, assort, and count the votes, and they reported that the following named gentlemen were chosen, viz. : —

JAMES SAVAGE	. . . . .	PRESIDENT.
JOSEPH WILLARD	. . . . .	RECORDING SECRETARY.
ALEXANDER YOUNG	. . . . .	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JOSEPH B. FELT	. . . . .	LIBRARIAN.
RICHARD FROTHINGHAM, JR.	. . . . .	TREASURER.
ISAAC P. DAVIS	. . . . .	CABINET-KEEPER.
FRANCIS C. GRAY	}	STANDING COMMITTEE.
CONVERS FRANCIS		
ALEXANDER YOUNG		
GEORGE TICKNOR		
JOSEPH WILLARD		

Mr. **SAVAGE**, from the Third Section, read a letter from Hon. John P. Kennedy, of Baltimore, in relation to the origin of the bill for liberty of conscience in Maryland.

Present—The President, Austin, Davis, Everett, Felt, Francis, R. Frothingham, Jr., Hoar, Jenks, Lincoln, Lowell, Paige, Robbins, Shurtleff, Sibley, Ticknor, Webb, Wheatland, White, Willard, and Young.

JOSEPH WILLARD,

Recording Secretary.

[Two Resident Members died since the last annual meeting, — Mr. Benjamin R. Nichols and the Hon. N. M. Davis. Of the former no memoir has hitherto been published by the Society. A notice is here supplied. Eds.]

Notice of Benjamin R. Nichols.

Benjamin Ropes Nichols, son of Captain Ichabod and Lydia (Ropes) Nichols, of Salem, was born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, May 18, 1786, — the family having resided a few years in Portsmouth at the time of his birth, — and died in Boston, April 30, 1848. He graduated at Harvard College in 1804; was Counsellor at law for many years in Salem, and, after 1824, at Boston, whither he then removed. He married, April 12, 1813, Mary, daughter of Colonel Timothy and Rebecca (White) Pickering, of Salem. She was born at Philadelphia, Nov. 21, 1793, during her father's official residence in that city, and died in West Roxbury, now Boston, March 22, 1863.

Mr. Nichols was distinguished at college and in after life for his assiduous application to his studies. He graduated with distinction, and maintained the reputation of a learned lawyer. He was a member of the Historical and other societies; was a skilful financier, and clerk of the Boston and Providence and Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporations. He had considerable taste as an antiquary; when clerk of the town of Salem he renovated the ancient records and put them in admirable order. He was also employed by the legislature of the State in putting in order the records of the Plymouth Colony, and that work speaks eloquently of his research and accuracy.

H. W.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, May 31, 1849, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF was chosen Recording Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Henry Stevens, Morrison Harris, Alexis Poole, R. G. Johnson, E. B. Corwin, S. P. Hildreth, James S. Loring, and Samuel Hazard ; also from the American Philosophical Society, and from Messrs. Adams, Winthrop, Webb, Shattuck, Appleton, and Shurtleff, of the Society.

Mr. FRANCIS C. GRAY, of the Publishing Committee, reported that two hundred and sixty dollars were due to Mr. Pulsifer for preparing the index to the third series of the Society's Collections, and recommended that this sum be now paid to him, and that the further sum of ninety dollars be paid to him on the completion of the tenth volume, for superintending the printing of the index.

The President presented, in the name of Samuel Hazard, of Philadelphia, a perpetual calendar by Dr. McIlvaine.

Mr. APPLETON, of the First Section, communicated to the Society a Royal Order regarding the binding of apprentices for the Plantations, issued in 1682.*

* This interesting document is a printed broadside, catalogued "Order in Council relating to the Hiring of Servants for Plantations in America, fol. pp. 2, 1682." — EDS.

Present — The President, Adams, Appleton, Austin, Chandler, Davis, Everett, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., F. C. Gray, Hillard, Lincoln, Minot, Quincy, Shattuck, Shaw, Shurtleff, Webb, Wheatland, Winthrop, and Young.

The meeting was then dissolved.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, June 28, 1849, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Messrs. James S. Loring, Robert Purviance, and Samuel Hazard, Esqrs. ; from the City of Roxbury, and from Dr. Jesse Chickering, also from Messrs. Webb, Harris, Shattuck, Savage, and Greenleaf, of the Society.

Voted, That the Recording Secretary ascertain whether the vote including Yale College in the list of institutions to which the volumes of the Society's publications are to be presented has been rescinded ; and that, if said vote be still in force, the Librarian be directed to state to the College that the volumes are in readiness at the rooms, to be delivered to its order.

On motion of Mr. F. C. GRAY,

Voted, That Messrs. Everett, F. C. Gray, and Adams be a committee to consider and report what rules should be adopted relative to the preservation and use of the manuscripts belonging to the Society.

Mr. PAIGE, from the Second Section, read a copy of the last will of Rev. Samuel Parris, proved in Middlesex, March 28, 1720.

Present—The President, Adams, Blagden, Budington, Davis, Ellis, Felt, Francis, R. Frothingham, Jr., F. C. Gray, Greenleaf, Hillard, Hoar, Jenks, Lunt, Paige, Sears, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Webb, Wheatland, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, July 26, 1849, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting.

In the absence of the President, Hon. Mr. HOAR was chosen President *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Francis Brinley, Reuben R. Dodge, Samuel Topliff, William Maxwell, Esq., Rev. Dr. Parkman, the State of New York, the New Jersey Historical Society, Captain Josiah Sturgis, and from Messrs. Greenleaf, Sibley, Adams, Harris, Winthrop, Webb, and Bowen, of the Society.

Mr. ROBBINS, from the Third Section, deposited with the Society a portrait of Rev. Joshua Gee; also, a portrait of his second wife, Anna, widow of Samuel Appleton, of Boston, named in her first marriage Anna Gerrish.

Present — Blagden, Budington, Davis, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., Hoar, Jenks, Lunt, Robbins, Shurtleff, Webb, White, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

Voted, That this meeting be dissolved.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Tuesday, Aug. 30, 1849, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting.

In the absence of the President and Recording Secretary, Hon. Mr. EVERETT was chosen President *pro tem.*, and Dr. SHURTLEFF, Recording Secretary *pro tem.*

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Smithsonian Institute, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Messrs. Justin Winsor, J. Munsell, William W. Greenough, Daniel Lancaster, and Miss Jane Thayer; also from Messrs. Sparks, Webb, Jarvis, Adams, Parsons, and Austin, of the Society.

Mr. EVERETT, from the Committee on manuscripts appointed at the last June meeting, reported that the Committee had not had a meeting, and that a valuable acquisition to the Society's collection of manuscripts would probably be made before the next stated meeting of the Society. Whereupon,

Voted, That the Committee on manuscripts be requested to take such measures in relation to the manuscripts of the late Dr. Pierce (which, it is generally understood, have been bequeathed to the Society) as they may deem proper.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the First Section, laid on the table an Order of Performance of the Pontifical College in Rome, 1844.

Voted, That Rev. Dr. Lowell be requested to prepare a memoir of the late Rev. Dr. Pierce for the next volume of the Society's Collections.*

Present — Austin, Bartlett, Davis, Everett, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., Jenks, Lunt, Minot, Paige, Robbins, and Shurtleff.

Voted, That this meeting be dissolved.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Sept. 27, 1849, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Rev. Dr. Samuel Willard, Dr. S. P. Hildreth, Dr. Edward Jarvis, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Maryland Historical Society, M. Jomard, B. V. French, Jr., Charles Bowen, Henry Onderdonk, Jr., the Cambridge School Committee, and from Messrs. Webb and Wheatland, of the Society.

Mr. EVERETT, from the Committee on the subject of the Society's manuscripts, reported sundry regulations, which, after some discussion and a modification of the

* Rev. John Pierce, D.D., elected in January, 1809, died Aug. 24, 1849. The memoir communicated, but not prepared, by Rev. Dr. Lowell is in 4 Collections, Vol. I. pp. 277-296. — Eds.

fifth proposed regulation, were adopted, and are recorded as follows, viz. : —

1. All manuscripts, of whatever nature, belonging to the Society, and now in the hands of individuals, shall be forthwith returned; and it shall be the duty of the Librarian to transmit a copy of this regulation to each person having a manuscript in his possession belonging to the Society.

2. No manuscript shall hereafter be taken from the Society's rooms.

3. The manuscripts shall at all times be kept in a locked cabinet or cabinets, the key or keys of which to be in the custody of the Librarian, and never used but in his presence.

4. Members of the Society shall at all times have the right of consulting the manuscripts at the Society's rooms, to be delivered to them for that purpose by the Librarian.

5. Persons not belonging to the Society, and engaged in historical pursuits, may be allowed to consult the manuscripts belonging to the Society; provided that application for this purpose, stating the objects of the inquiry, be made in writing to the Librarian, and approved by a member of the Standing Committee.

6. The Standing Committee shall keep a record book, in which all permissions to consult manuscripts shall be entered in full.

7. No manuscript nor part of a manuscript belonging to the Society shall be copied, except on permission granted by vote of the Society, on application in writing, specifying the manuscript or part thereof desired to be copied. If any manuscript belonging to the Society, and thus allowed in whole or in part to be copied, shall be published, the fact that it was obtained from the Society's collection shall be stated in the publication. Nothing in this article shall be construed to prevent the publication of names, dates, and

other chronological memoranda, without special permission obtained, as above required.

8. Manuscripts of a confidential nature may be retained in a place of special deposit by order of the Society, to be consulted under such regulations as may be prescribed by vote of the same.

9. The Librarian is authorized to cause all separate papers and files of an historical nature to be properly arranged, bound, and indexed; and all the indexes of the manuscript volumes of the Society shall be condensed as far as practicable into one.*

The Standing Committee nominated Charles Deane, Esq., of Cambridge, for Resident Member, *vice* Hon. Nathaniel Morton Davis, deceased.

The President communicated an interesting letter from Rev. Joseph Hunter, of London, containing a notice of Vincent, the author of the tract printed in Vol. VI., third series, of the Society's Collections, upon the "battell" "between the English and the Pequot Salvages."

Voted, To refer this communication to the Publishing Committee of Vol. I., fourth series.†

Present — The President, Adams, Appleton, Budington, Ellis, Everett, Felt, Francis, R. Frothingham, Jr., Hillard, Hoar, Jenks, Paige, Robbins, Sears, Shurtleff, Webb, Willard, and Young.

* The above regulations respecting the Society's manuscripts may be seen, in a somewhat modified form, in the code of By-Laws adopted in February, 1853, and printed in 4 Collections, Vol. II., and in these Proceedings, further on. — Eds.

† Where this notice of Vincent may be found, at p. 86. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Oct. 25, 1849, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF was chosen Recording Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Josiah Adams, William T. Harris, Edward W. Hooker, Edward C. Herrick, Rev. Joseph Tustin, James S. Loring, William Willis, the United States, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the City of Boston, Rev. Joseph Hunter, of London, Corresponding Member, and from Messrs. Adams, Bowen, Savage, Sibley, and Webb, Resident Members.

The Librarian communicated a letter from the executor of the will of the late Rev. Dr. John Pierce, accompanying a donation of the large collection of Election Sermons made by the deceased, and requesting that the manuscript volumes of Dr. Pierce, which were also bequeathed to the Society, may remain in the custody of Mrs. Pierce during her life, agreeably to the expressed wishes of the testator.* Whereupon,

Voted, That the whole subject in relation to the disposition of the valuable manuscripts of the late Dr. Pierce be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. F. C. GRAY, of the Committee on the Hutchinson

* Dr. Pierce's manuscript Diary is here referred to. — EDS.

Papers, made a final report, which was read and accepted.*

* The following is the report on the Hutchinson Papers:—

“MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
Oct. 25th, 1849.

“The Committee appointed with authority to address to the General Court a memorial in relation to the statement made by the Secretary of the Commonwealth concerning certain papers in possession of the Society, and claimed as the property of the State, and to take such other measures in the premises as they may deem expedient, respectfully submit the following report:—

“The Committee are entirely satisfied that it is not expedient to address any memorial to the General Court, since, notwithstanding the repeated representations and requests of the Secretaries of the Commonwealth, the General Court has not indicated the slightest intention of setting up any such claim as they recommend; and, therefore, it would seem superfluous, if not obtrusive, to trouble them with a refutation of it.

“Nor do your Committee think it necessary or expedient to adopt any other measure whatever, as they fully concur with your former Committee in the opinion that the open and undisputed possession of these papers by the Society as their own for more than a quarter of a century constitutes a title which cannot be impeached.¹ Considering that the Society holds these papers, from whomsoever received, not for any pecuniary emolument to itself or its members, but on the implied trust that they shall be kept and preserved by it for the purpose of historical investigation, it is, in the opinion of your Committee, the duty of the Society to maintain its title to them. And if any claim to them should hereafter emanate from competent authority, they recommend that it be resisted on the ground above stated.

“The Committee will now proceed to consider, for the purpose of information merely, and not as a part of their report, the ground, presented in the letters of the late Secretary of the Commonwealth, for the claim put forth by him. It is, in substance, that these papers are referred to in the record of the meeting of the Historical Society on the 27th January, 1820, as having been ‘presented to the Society by the permission of the Governor and Council,’ and that the Governor and Council had no right to give away the property of the State.

“Now this argument rests entirely on two assumptions, both of which are necessary to support it, yet neither of which is admissible. 1st. That these papers—i. e., all of them, for all are claimed—are referred to in the record mentioned. 2d. That the papers, referred to in that record, were the property of the State.

“The record reads thus: ‘The additional letters found by Mr. Secretary Bradford among the papers of Governor Hutchinson, and presented to the Society by the permission of the Governor and Council, were referred to the Publishing Committee.’ *The additional letters*,—a very singular mode of ex-

¹ Revised Statutes, cap. 120, § 20.

The President nominated Thomas Donaldson, Esq., of Baltimore, as Corresponding Member.

pression, if intended to designate the whole miscellaneous contents of these three folio volumes. It seems hardly possible to look at those contents, consisting of from two to three hundred distinct documents, of the most various character (which were then not bound up together, but in loose files), not one-half of them letters, since, of the four hundred and sixty-six folios composing the collection, only one hundred and seventy are occupied by letters and their superscriptions, and to believe that it was intended to describe the whole collection by the words 'additional letters'; words plainly importing that they were an addition to papers of the same character already belonging to the Society.¹ Indeed, such a belief can be accounted for only by the fact that this gift from the Governor and Council was found recorded, but no record of the gift from any other quarter of the residue; and hence the late Secretary appears, perhaps not unnaturally, to have concluded, as other members may possibly have done, that this whole collection of papers was given at the same time; regarding them, after they were bound up under one title, as one thing.

"Fortunately, it so happens that we know precisely what were the papers actually presented by Mr. Bradford, and can clearly explain how the rest may have been previously given, without any entry on the record. At first, the donations of members of the Society were not acknowledged nor recorded, but merely those of strangers. Those of members were only mentioned in lists made out by them severally, and put on file, and the early files are lost.² Very soon, however, all donations were recorded and occasionally acknowledged; and, after the year 1813, complete lists of them all were regularly published by the Rev. Dr. Holmes, Corresponding Secretary. It was his custom to set against the name of each donor all the articles given by him since the making up of the last preceding list, whether given all together or at various times during the interval. The list published in 1822, comprising all donations made after the preceding list, published in 1819, enumerates several papers, which it describes particularly, and places together under the heading, 'Old Letters and Papers from Governor Hutchinson's Manuscript Collection,' stating them to have been given by 'Alden Bradford, Esq., Secretary of State.'³

¹ That the Society had already been in possession of papers once belonging to, or used by, Governor Hutchinson, is sufficiently evident. See Proceedings of the Society for August, 1868, pp. 321-325. But, by the words "additional letters," here used in the records of the Society, the Recording Secretary, Dr. Lowell, probably intended letters "additional" to those communicated by Secretary Bradford at the preceding meeting. See Proceedings, Vol. I. pp. 283 and 285. — Eds.

² 2 Historical Collections, Vol. II. p. 285, and Record of meeting, 9 April, 1791. [These lists have since been found, on file, and are printed in Proceedings, I. 6-22. — Eds.]

³ 2 Historical Collections, Vol. IX. p. 370. [Only fifteen several papers are there enumerated as given by the Secretary of State. — Eds.]

Voted, That the price of the tenth volume of the third series of the Society's Collections, just published, be fixed at two dollars.

"These are the only papers stated to have been given by him during this period, and, of course, are the papers presented by permission of the Governor and Council, and they are aptly enough designated by the language of the record.¹ The above heading must mean the collection *originally made* by Governor Hutchinson, for, of course, it was not then his, since all the property *really belonging to him at any time*, after April 19, 1775, became that of the State. The only ground assigned by the Secretary for considering the papers given by Mr. Bradford the property of the State is that they were given to the Society by the authority of the Governor and Council, which would rather seem to prove the contrary. May they not have been given for the very reason that they did not belong to the State. They certainly did not belong, where they are said to have been found, among the Hutchinson papers in the State House, with which they have not the most remote connection. Admitting that these papers had been seized and carried to the State House with those of Governor Hutchinson, it does not follow that they then belonged to him. He might have parted with the whole collection, and afterwards these particular papers might have been borrowed from it, or in many other ways have come into his possession, without being his property, in which case they would not become by confiscation the property of the State. And it might appear, upon the face of the papers themselves, or by some memorandum accompanying them, that they did not belong to him. This is a much more natural and proper supposition than that of gross ignorance or misconduct in the Governor and Council. Yet we are called upon to presume that they were totally ignorant of their duty in this respect, or that they wilfully violated it. Whereas, the natural and legal presumption is, until the contrary be clearly proved, that they knew their duty and fulfilled it. They knew, as well as we do, that they had no right to give away the property of the State; and they could have no disposition and no motive to give it away without right. The fact, then, that they did give away this parcel of papers, or permit it to be given, which is the same thing, instead of proving that it was the property of the State, proves that it was not so, and that they knew it.

"A brief account of the two collections — that of the State and that of the Society — may tend to throw some light on this matter, and to show that, instead of gross ignorance or fraud being imputable to anybody, the conduct of all concerned in the transaction was upright, intelligible, and consistent. The collection in the State House consists of four thick folio volumes, the first three of which contain about fifteen hundred letters to and from Governor Hutchinson, most of them from him, dated between 1761 and 1774, with a few brief accounts of legislative proceedings or popular commotions written by him, and absolutely nothing else. They are all in fair condition, and exhibit no appearance of injury from exposure to the weather. These volumes are very properly labelled 'Hutchinson Correspondence.' The other volume contains the manuscript of the first part of the second volume of his History, the draft of a long letter not addressed, copies of some documents relating to the witch

¹ But see 2 Collections, X. 181, note, and 3 Collections, I. 1-152. — EDS.

Voted, That a copy of the new volume be sent to Rev. Joseph Hunter, of London.

cases, and a copy of his commission as Governor, all but the last in his own handwriting. The copy of the History is much stained and torn, and soiled by mud. This volume is labelled 'Hutchinson's MS. History, Vol. II., etc.' The papers contained in these volumes are known to have been taken, after the battle of Lexington, from a garret in the house at Milton, where Governor Hutchinson had resided.¹ They were bound up, by order of the State, about eight years ago.

"The collection of the Historical Society is contained in three smaller volumes in folio, and is of the most miscellaneous character, consisting perhaps of two hundred and fifty papers. The earliest is a letter from Mr. Levett at Ashby to John Cotton at Boston in England, with a draft of Cotton's answer in his own hand on the same sheet, dated in 1625; the latest, one of Gideon Hawley, dated in 1770. A few appear to have been added to the collection after 1765. Those belonging to it before are, at least a large proportion of them, much stained and soiled, and some of them marked with the print in mud of a naked foot.

"These papers are undoubtedly a part of the collection of materials for the History of Massachusetts, stated by Governor Hutchinson in the preface to the first volume of his History to have been formed by him. The whole collection, together with the manuscript of part of the second volume of his History, was thrown into the street in the rain by the mob who plundered his house in 1765, as he tells us in the preface to his second volume; where he also states that a good portion of that manuscript was saved, 'by the care and pains of his good friend and neighbor, Rev. Mr. Eliot, who received into his house all the books and papers which were saved.' He states that this manuscript, though much injured, was so far legible, that he was able to supply the rest and transcribe it. For this purpose he must have taken it away from Mr. Eliot's house, and it is without doubt that now in the State House.

"It is not improbable, that either then or when he went to England in 1774, Governor Hutchinson may have given to his friend, who saved them, the papers remaining in his house; and if so, unless he differed entirely from all other collectors of manuscripts, it must have been with the injunction that they should never be separated.

"If it should be found that Mr. Eliot, or his son and successor John Eliot, who must have known all the circumstances, treated this collection or any part of it as *his own property*, this would be strong proof, in the absence of all other evidence, that such a gift was in fact made.

"Governor Hutchinson particularly mentions one work as an important part of the collection, and this may help to guide us to the whole; for where an important part of such a collection is found, there it is natural to look for the rest. The work is the *manuscript of Hubbard's History of New England*, of which it is well known that there was only one copy in America.

¹ Journals of Provincial Congress, p. 224, note.

CHARLES DEANE, Esq., was chosen Resident Member, in place of Hon. Nathaniel Morton Davis, deceased,—Messrs. SIBLEY and R. FROTHINGHAM, Jr., Scrutinizing Committee.

"Now as early as 1791, this manuscript belonged to the Historical Society.¹ It was given to it, 'among other rich contributions,' by the Rev. John Eliot, one of its founders.² The manuscript was certainly a part of the collection. Is it not highly probable that these *rich contributions* were the residue, namely the papers in question? Neither the manuscript of Hubbard nor the other papers are mentioned on the records of the Society, but they were no doubt included in the donor's list among the lost files.³ These papers were arranged, indexed, and bound by the late B. R. Nichols, at the request of the Society, in 1822.

"It may be noted, that while the collection at the State House consists entirely of letters to Governor Hutchinson, and of letters and other manuscripts of his writing,—by far the greatest part of the whole collection being written by him,—that of the Society is of as miscellaneous a character as possible; and that while the earliest date at the State House is Dec. 14, 1761, there are but eleven papers in the Society's collection of a later date than 1700, and only six later than 1724, not one among them being written by Governor Hutchinson, or having the most remote connection with the papers in the State House. Now the papers presented by Mr. Bradford have no connection with Governor Hutchinson's affairs whatsoever, but are of the same miscellaneous character as the Society's. All of them but one are dated before 1700, and that one in 1707. They are bound up with the other Hutchinson papers belonging to the Society; and on examination it is found that two-thirds of them are stained and mud-marked like so many of the papers saved by Mr. Eliot after the mob. It is impossible to read the list of them, as given by Dr. Holmes, without the suspicion that they originally belonged to this collection. Do not all these circumstances convert that suspicion into rational belief? Now supposing, and any not unreasonable supposition ought to be resorted to, in order to support so long a possession, and to shield the character of the Executive from the reproach which it is found necessary to cast upon it to maintain a pretence of claim to any of these papers,—supposing that Governor Hutchinson had given the collection to Mr. Eliot, and had afterwards borrowed these papers from it, or had taken them inadvertently when he took his manuscript History, and that the fact that they belonged to it appeared by some memorandum found among the papers themselves, which is by no means impossible; supposing also that Mr. Bradford, a member of

¹ 1 Historical Collections, Vol. I. p. 2.

² 2 Historical Collections, Vol. V., Prefatory Notice.

³ The only manuscripts that will be found included in Dr. Eliot's list in Proceedings, I. 6, are "Hubbard's MS. History" and "Letters between Governor Dudley and the Mathers."—Eds.

The Standing Committee nominated George Livermore, Esq., of Cambridge, as Resident Member, in place of Rev. Dr. Pierce, deceased.

Present — The President, Adams, Appleton, Blagden, Chandler, Ellis, Everett, Felt, Francis, R. Frothingham, Jr., F. C. Gray, Hillard, Hoar, Jenks, Lamson, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Webb, and Young; and Messrs. Brodhead and Jarvis, Corresponding Members.

this Society, knew that the collection belonged here: then the Governor and Council, by permitting the papers to be given to the Society, were only restoring them to the true owners.

"However this may be, it is perfectly obvious that, upon the reasoning of the late Secretary of the Commonwealth himself, the State has not the shadow of a claim to the whole three volumes, but only to the papers given by Mr. Bradford with the permission of the Governor and Council. And even should it be admitted that these were the property of the State, and that the Governor and Council had no right to give them to the Society, yet, nevertheless, the open and undisturbed possession of a quarter of a century gives the Society a clear and unquestionable right to *hold* them. And, considering the long lapse of time, the death of the agent employed in the transaction, and the other circumstances of the case, it is the opinion of your Committee that it is the duty of the Society to set up the Statute of Limitations against any claim to them from any quarter. This indeed is one of those cases for which that beneficent statute was mainly intended to provide, and which eminently prove its equity and its wisdom.

"F. C. GRAY, N. APPLETON, G. W. BLAGDEN, PELEG W. CHANDLER, ALEX. YOUNG,	}	Committee.
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"NOTE. — The entry of record April 9, 1791, referred to in a note on the fifth page of this manuscript [page 437 of this volume], is as follows: —

"'The Committee who were appointed to inquire what collections could be made towards forming an Historical Library delivered in lists from each member as on file.'

"The other notes refer to works in print easily found." — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Nov. 22, 1849, 12 M. The Society held their November meeting this day, the annual Thanksgiving occurring on the day of the stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

Donations were communicated by the Librarian from the American Philosophical Society, Messrs. Justin Winsor, "A Friend," Henry M. Parker, Joseph Leonard, Joshua Leavitt, James S. Loring, Horatio Storer, Dr. Edward Jarvis, and from Messrs. Everett, Shurtleff, Winthrop, Webb, Shattuck, and Young, of the Society.

THOMAS DONALDSON, Esq., of Baltimore, was elected a Corresponding Member, — Messrs. MINOT and WHEATLAND, Scrutinizing Committee.

GEORGE LIVERMORE, Esq., of Cambridge, was elected a Resident Member, in place of Rev. Dr. Pierce, deceased, — Messrs. MINOT and WHEATLAND, Scrutinizing Committee.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Charles Deane, Esq., accepting his election as a Resident Member of the Society.

Mr. DAVIS, from the First Section, read some extracts from a manuscript Journal kept for several years by the late Oakes Angier, Esq., giving an account of sundry public occurrences during the administration of Governor Bernard.*

* Probably neither the extracts nor the Journal were placed in the Society's Library. — EDS.

Mr. R. FROTHINGHAM, Jr., from the same Section, read a letter from Colonel William Prescott to the late President John Adams, containing some account of Bunker Hill battle ; also, a letter from General Ward to President Adams, detailing some of the military occurrences in the summer of 1775, — both letters bearing date of that year.*

Dr. WEBB, in behalf of Colonel Peter Force, of Washington, presented a written request for liberty to copy or cause to be copied that portion of the Trumbull papers relating to the years 1780 and 1781, making such selections as may be suitable for the “ Documentary History of the United States,” upon which work Mr. Force “ has been for years engaged.” Whereupon,

Voted, That such liberty be granted on the conditions set forth in Article VII. of the Regulations for the preservation and use of the Society’s manuscripts, adopted at the September meeting, 1849.

Present — The President, Appleton, Davis, Felt, Francis, N. L. Frothingham, R. Frothingham, Jr., F. C. Gray, J. C. Gray, Jenks, Lincoln, Lunt, Minot, Robbins, Sears, Shurtleff, Ticknor, Wheatland, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Dec. 27, 1849, 12 m. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

* See Frothingham’s *Siege of Boston*, pp. 296, 298. — Eds.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. John Davis, "A Friend," Richard Hildreth, Rev. William R. Rogers, William Palfrey, Thomas Bridgman, Samuel A. Green, the State of New Jersey, Dr. L. V. Bell, and from Messrs. R. Frothingham, Jr., Webb, Shurtleff, Savage, Wheatland, Ticknor, and Sibley, of the Society.

A communication was received from Rev. Dr. Lowell, consenting to prepare a memoir of the late Rev. Dr. Pierce, pursuant to the vote of the Society.*

The President, in behalf of Mr. James S. Loring, presented a request, to be stated in writing, for leave to Mr. Loring to copy from Waller's Orderly Book of 1775 that part pertaining to the "Parole of the British in the Streets of Boston." Whereupon,

Voted, To grant the same, pursuant to the seventh Regulation concerning the Society's manuscripts, adopted at the September meeting, 1849.

Mr. R. FROTHINGHAM, Jr., having communicated the reception of a bequest of one hundred dollars left to the Society by the late Professor Dean, of Vermont, it was

Voted, That this sum be expended in the purchase of books, and that the Standing Committee be charged with the execution of this order.

Also, *voted*, That the Librarian prepare a suitable label for the inside cover of such books, designating the source whence they were obtained.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter of acceptance of resident membership from Mr. George Livermore.

He also communicated a letter from Mr. Thomas E.

* See *ante*, p. 432, note. — Eds.

Sawin, of Wendell, Massachusetts, accompanying a brief manuscript History of that town, prepared by him.

Voted, To refer the letter and History to the Publishing Committee of Vol. I., fourth series.*

The Standing Committee nominated Rev. William Barry, of Lowell, for Resident Member, *vice* Hon. George Bancroft, who has removed from the State.

Present — Appleton, Bartlett, Budington, Davis, Deane, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., J. C. Gray, Hoar, Jenks, Paige, Robbins, Savage, Shurtleff, Sibley, Ticknor, Webb, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1850.

Thursday, Jan. 31, 1850, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting.

In the absence of the President and Recording Secretary, Hon. EDWARD EVERETT was chosen President *pro tem.*, and Dr. NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF, Recording Secretary *pro tem.*

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. James S. Loring, Albert G. Browne, Joseph Leonard, J. Ingersoll Bowditch, William Thaddeus Harris, Don Lucas Alaman, Rev. Louis Dwight, Rev. William R.

* This manuscript, of some twenty pages in small quarto, is entitled "Brief Chronology of Wendell, Massachusetts, from 1734 to 1800 inclusive." It was not printed in the Society's Collections. Mr. Sawin's letter states the circumstances under which the manuscript was written, and calls attention to some neglected sources of history. — Eds.

Rogers, Rev. William Barry, Rev. Dr. Cogswell, Rev. Edward Hooker, and the New Jersey Historical Society, and from Messrs. R. Frothingham, Jr., Winthrop, Jarvis, Savage, Webb, Worcester, and Davis, of the Society.

The Committee to whom was referred, in December, 1847, the expediency of so publishing the future volumes of the Society's Collections that a part of the impression should not be designated as volumes of the Society's Collections; and also to consider whether the Society can advantageously make any other change in the mode or form of their publications, reported against the same, — which report was accepted.*

The Librarian, in behalf of Judge Wood, of New Haven, Connecticut, presented a written request for

* Mr. Savage's report is as follows: —

"The Committee to whom was referred in December, 1847, the expediency of so publishing the future volumes of the Society's Collections that a part of the impression should not be designated as volumes of the Society's Collections; and also to consider whether the Society can advantageously make any other change in the mode or form of their publications, having duly considered the subjects referred to them, report, —

"That before the finishing of the volume in the press when the Committee was appointed, being Vol. X. of the third series, it seemed wholly unnecessary to make report, as this volume was to supply index to the preceding nine, and no action was in contemplation that could prevent the ensuing publications of the Society from following the former course, or assuming a new one; that no general ground of expediency is apparent for the issue of our volumes, as proposed, without notice on the title-page or in binding that they are published by the Massachusetts Historical Society, and that the numeral is a true numeral, inasmuch as no extended circulation could follow from such device, nor is any matter of popular interest buried in our volume so as to be hidden from the general knowledge, though it appear in Vol. I. of the fourth series: our publications are works of reference, not of temporary perusal. On the other part of the subject, the Committee report that the Society can advantageously make no other change in the mode or form of their publications: if issued in the shape of newspapers, it is not very probable that a sale for a dozen copies could be assured.

"Respectfully submitted.

"Per order.

JAMES SAVAGE.

Ens.

"January, 1850."

permission to make such extracts from the Trumbull manuscripts in the possession of the Society as he may deem appropriate for a work he has in preparation. Whereupon,

Voted, That leave be granted, pursuant to the regulations concerning manuscripts adopted at the September meeting, 1849.

Rev. WILLIAM BARRY, of Lowell, was elected a Resident Member, in place of Hon. George Bancroft, who has removed from the State, — Messrs. YOUNG and ADAMS, Scrutinizing Committee.

Hon. F. C. Gray sent to the meeting a nomination of Hon. George Bancroft, of the city of New York, for Corresponding Member, and Mr. Prescott a like nomination of Don Lucas Alaman, of Mexico.

Voted, That the Society's rooms be kept open for the current year by the Librarian, on the usual terms.

Judge WHITE, from the Third Section, made remarks upon a small manuscript volume, formerly the property of Rev. Charles Morton, of Charlestown, to which he had appended a written description, and which he presented to the Society.*

* Judge White's description of the volume presented by him is as follows:

“MORTON'S BOOK.

“This curious old manuscript volume contains some records of a ministerial association in England, and also of a similar association here, and was evidently brought to New England by the Rev. Charles Morton, his name being the only one found among the members of both associations. He was probably the leading member in both, as the Rules and Regulations are in his handwriting, and he appears to have been most constant in his attendance at meetings of the association in this country. His intimate relation to this ancient volume gives it an additional interest.

“The earliest record in the volume bears the date of Sept. 11, 1655, stating the formation of an association of ministers at Bodmin, in Cornwall, ‘for pro-

Mr. TICKNOR, from the same Section, remarked upon the authorship of the eclogue on the death of Rev. Mr. Mayhew.

moting the gospel, and our mutual assistance and furtherance in that great work.' By the Rules then adopted they were to have monthly meetings, at each of which a moderator was to be chosen for the next meeting, whose duty it was to begin with prayer, to propose matters to be debated, &c. The members were bound 'to submit to the counsel, reproofs, and censures of the brethren so associated and assembled, in all things in the Lord,' and not to 'relinquish the association nor forsake the appointed meetings, without giving sufficient reason for the same.'

"The few records of the association in England relate mostly to examining and ordaining candidates for the ministry, supplying destitute places with occasional preaching, affording advice, &c. One of the questions debated was, '*An examinatio membrorum sit necessaria ad participationem cœnæ dominicæ?*' But the questions are not generally stated in the records, nor the results of the debate given, except so far as they may have been embodied in the more particular Rules and Regulations adopted several years after the first meeting, and by Mr. Morton transcribed into the book, covering nearly a dozen pages. Very few proceedings appear to have been had after this transaction. The last date is May 4, 1650, and a meeting is announced for the first Tuesday of July, but no record of such a meeting is made. The restoration of Charles II. was at hand, and the association doubtless soon broke up. The following is a list of the names of the members of the association in England, some of which, however, I cannot clearly ascertain, though others may.

"Nicho. Leverton, James Forbes, Tho. Travers, William Treis, Charles Morton, Ja. Innes, Jonathan Wills, Sam. May, *Rich. Mungrý, *Francis (?) Harrison, William White, John Tutchin, Nathaniel Tingcomb, Stephen Revell, Thomas Hearne, *Job Weall, Richard Patten, Henry Flamanck, *Benedict Morse, Samuel Tapper, *Thomas Philpe, Otho Whitehorne, Jos. Halsey, *Ric. Kilbee, *Thomas Hancock, *Humfry Betty.

"All these, excepting those with a mark (*) prefixed, are found mentioned in Calamy's '*Nonconformist's Memorial*' (Palmer's ed. 1775), in the account there given of 'ministers ejected or silenced in the county of Cornwall.' Some of them are represented as eminent for their learning and piety, but none more so than Charles Morton, the rector of Blissland, Cornwall. He was of Wadham College, Oxford, and, while a Fellow of the College, distinguished for his mathematical genius. After his ejection from the rectory of Blissland, he was induced to undertake the teaching of academical learning at Newington Green, near London, and continued about twenty years in that employment, 'when he was so infested by processes from the Bishop's Court that he was forced to desist.' Dr. Calamy, in his '*Continuation*,' &c., gives entire Mr. Morton's learned and spirited vindication against the charge of breaking his University oath by thus teaching academical learning, — an able treatise, which will never cease to be interesting to scholars. In connection with this (Vol. I. of the '*Continuation*,' p. 198), Dr. Calamy has published Mr. Morton's '*Advice*'

Voted, That Messrs. R. Frothingham, Jr., Felt, and Paige be a committee to confer with the American Antiquarian Society in reference to printing the Massachusetts Colonial Records.

to Candidates for the Ministry,' which abounds with excellent counsel, expressed in the best spirit and manner. The substance of Dr. Calamy's account of Mr. Morton has been printed in our Historical Collections (second series, Vol. I. p. 158), as well as sketches of his character from Dunton's *Life and Errors*, Penhallow's *Diary*, &c. President Quincy, also, in his *History of Harvard University*, has paid a just tribute to his memory.

"Mr. Morton came to New England in the summer of 1686, invited, it is said, to take the presidency of Harvard College, instead of which, however, he became minister of the church in Charlestown. Here, too, as in old England, 'he undertook the teaching of academical learning,' and it is rather remarkable that his fame as a teacher should have caused uneasiness to the University governors here, as it had done there, and that here, too, he should have been thus led to desist from his noble employment.

"The association here was doubtless formed at Mr. Morton's instigation. The first record is in his handwriting, and dated 'At Charlestown, Oct. 13, 1690.' The Rules adopted were those of the English association, with several additional Rules. They were subscribed by the following clergymen, most of whose names are familiar to us, but of one of them, Benjamin Woodbridge, I find no account.

"Charles Morton, James Allen, Michael Wigglesworth, Joshua Moody, Samuel Willard, John Bailey, Nathaniel Gookin, Cotton Mather, Nehemiah Walter, Jabez Fox, John Fox, Jonathan Peirpont, James Sherman, Benjamin Woodbridge, Benjamin Colman, I. Mather, Henry Gibbs, Benjamin Wadsworth, William Brattle, Samuel Angier, Eben. Pemberton, Thomas Bridge.

"The meetings were to be held 'constantly at the College, in Cambridge, on Monday, nine o'clock in the morning, once in every six weeks.' The first meeting there was Oct. 20, 1690. For several years the names of those present were recorded, and that of Mr. Morton is invariably found among them. He died April 11, 1698, *ætatis* seventy-two. Not long after his death the book seems to have grown into disuse, though kept in the possession of the association. The last meeting mentioned at which any question was debated was '7 d. 2 m. 1701'; but, after several blank leaves, we find another meeting stated, with the names of eight present, and the question proposed, with the name of 'the Rev. Samuel Willard chosen moderator for the ensuing year.' This was Sept. 6, 1703, and the last record, excepting (near the end of the book) a circular letter from 'Samuel Willard, Moderator,' dated 'Cambridge, Nov. 6, 1704,' enclosing a copy of proposals of a convention of ministers in Boston, June 1, 1704, urging upon ministers the importance of an earnest parochial visiting among their people, &c. From forty to fifty questions appear to have been discussed by the association, according to these records, and the results given, sometimes elaborately, always deliberately and with care, filling about half the book, the other half still being blank leaves. The subject of moral reform is first taken up and earnestly attended to, but the questions mostly relate to ecclesiastical affairs and pastoral duties, together with various curious

Present — Adams, Davis, Deane, Ellis, Everett, Felt, Francis, N. L. Frothingham, R. Frothingham, Jr., Hillard, Jenks, Lincoln, Livermore, Lunt, Paige, Quincy, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Ticknor, White, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Feb. 28, 1850, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting.

In the absence of the President, Hon. Judge WHITE was chosen President *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Charles H. Brown, Edward Jarvis, Stephen Baker, Artemas Simonds, S. Abbott Lawrence, Dr. J. V. C. Smith, Rev. R. M. Chapman, Rev. Baron Stow, D.D., Rev. Charles Burroughs, D.D.; also from Messrs. Austin, Savage, Winthrop, Davis, Deane, Young, and Webb, of the Society.

Hon. GEORGE BANCROFT, of the City and State of New York, and Don LUCAS ALAMAN, of Mexico, were elected Corresponding Members, — Messrs. AUSTIN and SIBLEY, Scrutinizing Committee.

speculations of the time. Mr. Morton introduced inquiries how the College might be made greater and better, &c., but what he effected by it does not appear. The subjects discussed were generally such as were more important then than now, but it is still interesting to know what was then deemed important, and the manner in which important questions were treated. The expression of opinions, too, is not unimportant in an historical view, for *opinions expressed become historical facts.*" — Eds.

Voted, That the Librarian be a committee to procure a new carpet for the room, a new covering for the table, and to cause all such repairs to be made as may be necessary to put the room in a respectable condition.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Rev. William Barry, of Lowell, accepting his election as a Resident Member of the Society.

Mr. FELT, in behalf of Mr. Eli Taintor, of Lee, communicated a letter from that gentleman, requesting permission to have copied sundry papers from the Trumbull manuscripts, as designated in his letter, to enable him to obtain a pension for an elderly person. Whereupon,

Voted, That liberty be granted on the conditions set forth in Article VII. of the Regulations for the preservation of the Society's manuscripts adopted at the September meeting, 1849.

Present — Austin, Davis, Deane, Felt, Francis, Jenks, Lamson, Livermore, Paige, Quincy, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Webb, White, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, March 28, 1850, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Samuel A. Green, James D. Green, John Daggett, Joseph T. Buckingham, Dr. Edward Jarvis, Master Richard Heuston, the United States Government, and from Messrs. Winthrop, Webb, Wheatland, and Sibley, of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Major Graham, of the United States Army, stating the loss of his diploma by fire, and requesting that a new diploma of his membership may be issued; which was

Voted accordingly.

Voted, That Mr. Sibley have leave to take from the Library the "Massachusetts Spy" for 1784, to be returned at or before the next April meeting.

Messrs. LIVERMORE and WEBB were appointed a committee on the Treasurer's accounts.

Present — The President, Adams, Austin, Davis, Felt, Francis, R. Frothingham, Jr., Livermore, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Webb, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1850.

Thursday, April 25, 1850, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. William G. Brooks, E. B. Corwin, Esq., J. Hammond Trumbull, Rev. Charles Brooks, Dr. Edward Jarvis, Dr. Henry G. Clark, Messrs. Samuel A. Green and Robert Sears, Colonel J. D. Graham, United States Army, the State of New York, the American Philosophical Society, and from Messrs. Greenleaf and Winthrop, of the Society.

Dr. WEBB, from the Committee on the Treasurer's accounts for the last year, in the absence of Mr. Liver-

more, the other member of the Committee, reports an examination thereof, and

That the accounts are accurately kept, properly vouched, and correctly cast, and that there appears on the books a balance to the credit of the Society of one hundred and seventeen $\frac{75}{100}$ dollars on general account, and one hundred and fifty-one $\frac{49}{100}$ dollars on book account.*

THOMAS H. WEBB.

APRIL 25, 1850.

The Society then proceeded to ballot for officers for the ensuing year, and Messrs. SIBLEY and DEANE were appointed a committee to collect, assort, and count the votes, and they reported as follows, viz. : —

That the whole number of votes for all the officers, except the Standing Committee, was 18, — that Messrs. Savage for President, Willard for Recording Secretary, Young for Corresponding Secretary, and Felt for Librarian, had each 18 votes, and that R. Frothingham, Jr., for Treasurer, and Davis for Cabinet-Keeper, had each 17 votes.

Also, that for Standing Committee the whole number of votes was 17, — that F. C. Gray had 17 votes; Francis, 16; Young, 12; Ticknor, 15; Willard, 16; Shurtleff, 4; and N. L. Frothingham, 2.

Whereupon the following gentlemen were declared to be chosen, viz. : —

* The receipts for the year were \$595.75. Of this sum \$312.75 were from the sale of three shares in the Western Railroad Corporation; \$12 from dividends; \$100 from a bequest of Professor Dean, who was chosen a Corresponding Member in October, 1831; and \$171 from admission fees and assessments. The payments amounted to \$725.89. Of this sum \$199.03 were for the balance of the cost of printing Vol. X. of the third series of the Collections; \$350 to David Pulsifer for making the index; \$100 to Mr. Felt for services as Librarian; \$43.87 for taxes; and \$32.99 for miscellaneous expenses. — *Ends.*

JAMES SAVAGE	PRESIDENT.
JOSEPH WILLARD	RECORDING SECRETARY.
ALEXANDER YOUNG	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JOSEPH B. FELT	LIBRARIAN.
RICHARD FROTHINGHAM, JR.	TREASURER.
ISAAC P. DAVIS	CABINET-KEEPER.
FRANCIS C. GRAY	} STANDING COMMITTEE.
CONVERS FRANCIS	
ALEXANDER YOUNG	
GEORGE TICKNOR	
JOSEPH WILLARD	

No communications were received from the members of the Third Section.

Present — The President, Austin, Blagden, Davis, Deane, Everett, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., F. C. Gray, Jenks, Lunt, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Sparks, Webb, White, Willard, and Young.

JOSEPH WILLARD,
Recording Secretary.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, May 30, 1850, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, RICHARD FROTHINGHAM, Jr., was chosen Recording Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Samuel A. Green, William G. Brooks, James Lenox, Dr. Edward Jarvis, Alexander Vattemare, the Government of the United States, the New York Historical

Society, Brown University, and from Messrs. Wheatland, Greenleaf, Winthrop, and Shurtleff, of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Thomas Donaldson, of Baltimore, accepting his election as Honorary Member of the Society.

The President nominated J. Hammond Trumbull, Esq., of Hartford, Connecticut, for election as a Corresponding Member of the Society.

No communications were received from the members of the First Section.

Present — The President, Barry, Davis, Deane, Felt, Francis, R. Frothingham, Jr., J. C. Gray, Hoar, Livermore, Paige, Sears, Shaw, Shurtleff, Sibley, Ticknor, Webb, White, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, June 27, 1850, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting.

In the absence of the President, Hon. NATHAN APPLETON was chosen President *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Solomon Williams, Esq., Hon. J. Rockwell, Rev. Samuel H. Riddel, William G. Brooks, Esq., Mr. William H. Denet, and from Messrs. Shurtleff, Winthrop, Webb, Davis, and Everett, of the Society.

J. HAMMOND TRUMBULL, Esq., of Hartford, Con-

necticut, was unanimously elected as a Corresponding Member.

A communication having been received from Mr. Winthrop, requesting that the Collections of the Society may be presented to the Maryland Historical Society, and they having received but Vols. VIII., IX., and X., of the third series, it was, on motion of the Librarian,

Voted, That the remaining volumes of the Collections, excepting Vols. VIII. and IX. of the first series, be presented to the Maryland Society, with the future volumes as they shall be published, and the excepted volumes to be presented whenever a new edition shall be printed.

No communications were received from the members of the Second Section.

Present — Appleton, Blagden, Davis, Everett, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., J. C. Gray, Jenks, Livermore, Minot, Paige, Robbins, Shurtleff, White, and Willard.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, July 25, 1850, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting.

In the absence of the President and Recording Secretary, Judge WHITE was chosen President *pro tem.*, and R. FROTHINGHAM, Jr., Recording Secretary *pro tem.*

In the absence of the Librarian, no donations were communicated.

No communications were received from the members of the Third Section.

Present — Adams, Barry, Davis, Deane, R. Frothingham, Jr., J. C. Gray, Livermore, Paige, Shurtleff, Webb, and White.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Aug. 29, 1850, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting.

In the absence of the President, Hon. SAMUEL HOAR was chosen President *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the New Hampshire Historical Society, New Jersey Historical Society, Messrs. Samuel A. Green, Samuel Hazard, Stephen Baker, J. Wingate Thornton, William G. Brooks, Johnson Colby, John Davis, Moses Kimball, Josiah Curtis, Rev. Horatio Alger, David Pulsifer, Ellis Ames, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and also from Messrs. Deane, Livermore, Chandler, Everett, Davis, and Winthrop, of the Society.

No communications were received from the members of the First Section.

Present — Barry, Davis, Deane, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., Hoar, Jenks, Livermore, Paige, Quincy, Robbins, Shattuck, Shurtleff, and Willard.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Sept. 26, 1850, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting.

In the absence of the President, Rev. Mr. PAIGE was elected President *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the American Antiquarian Society, the Maryland Historical Society, the New York Society Library, Redwood Library of Newport, Rhode Island, Rev. Samuel Wolcott, Messrs. Samuel A. Green, William H. Dennet, Joseph T. Buckingham, Samuel G. Drake, the City of Roxbury, and from Messrs. Quincy, Harris, Adams, Appleton, and Everett, of the Society.

Mr. J. C. GRAY, of the Second Section, suggested for consideration the subject of the origin of towns in New England as municipal institutions; upon which an incidental discussion of much interest ensued.

Present — Appleton, Barry, Davis, Deane, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., J. C. Gray, Lamson, Livermore, Lunt, Paige, Robbins, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Oct. 31, 1850, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Mr. SIBLEY was chosen Recording Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Samuel A. Green, James S. Loring, William Palfrey, Hon. H. H. Sibley, of Minnesota, the State of Connecticut, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Nathan Allen, Dr. Edward Jarvis, and from Messrs. Winthrop, R. Frothingham, Jr., Lincoln, and Sibley, of the Society.

On the written request of Mr. Elijah Clark, of Brighton,

Voted, That he be allowed by the Librarian to take a copy of a letter from Timothy Pickering, Quartermaster-General, to Governor Trumbull, contained in Vol. XIII., p. 94, of the "Trumbull Manuscripts," for the purpose named in his letter on file.

On the written request of Dr. Shurtleff, of the Society,

Voted, That he be allowed to copy, for the purpose of printing, a letter and accompanying manuscripts contained in the "Mather Manuscripts," in the Cabinet of the Society, touching the death of his ancestor, William Shurtleff.

Mr. SHATTUCK, from the Third Section, read biographical sketches of Rev. John White, and of John White, the Counsellor.*

* These sketches are printed in 4 Collections, II. 215-220. — Eds.

The President read a communication from Rev. Joseph Hunter, of London, containing the names of emigrants to New England in April and June, 1632, and April and May, 1637.*

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from the Corresponding Secretary of the Maryland Historical Society, acknowledging the receipt of the volumes of the Collections of this Society, and expressing a purpose of reciprocating by forwarding the publications of the Maryland Historical Society.

Present — The President, Appleton, Barry, Davis, Everett, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., F. C. Gray, Greenleaf, Hillard, Livermore, Paige, Robbins, Sears, Shattuck, Ticknor, White, Winthrop, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Nov. 21, 1850, 12 M. The stated day for the November meeting on the 28th instant falling on Thanksgiving Day, the monthly meeting for this month was held this day, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Samuel A. Green, William T. Eustis, Bickford Pulsifer, Dr. Usher Parsons, John G. Locke, the New Jersey Historical Society, and Messrs. Shurtleff and Winthrop, of the Society.

* This communication, under the title of "More Gleanings for New England History," was printed in 4 Collections, I. 91-101. — Eds.

On the written request of Captain Bickford Pulsifer, Jr.,

Voted, That he have leave to copy "a letter of Rev. Hugh Adams, of Braintree, contained in a volume of papers from 1701-1720."

A communication was received from Mr. John M. Bernhisel, of the Territory of Utah, appointed by the President of the United States to procure a library for that Territory, under the appropriation made for that purpose by Congress at the last session, requesting contributions of books, &c., for that object.*

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. EVERETT,

Voted, That the Librarian be requested to furnish, at the Society's next meeting, a list of such books and pamphlets, of which the Society possess two or more copies, as may be conveniently spared.

Mr. EVERETT, from the First Section, presented to the Society a copy of a Diary kept by Mr. Thomas Newell, of Boston, from 1773 to the end of 1774, and accompanied his donation with an explanation of the mode in which he ascertained the reading of such parts of the Diary as were in cipher.†

Mr. BARRY, from the same Section, introduced for the consideration of the meeting the insecure and decaying condition of many of the municipal records of our towns, &c.

After some discussion, on motion of Mr. EVERETT, it was

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed to consider and report on the subject of the preservation of the ancient records of our

* Mr. Bernhisel's communication was a circular letter, on file, soliciting contributions for a library. — *Eds.*

† See p. 467, note †. — *Eds.*

towns, proprietaries, and counties, with reference to presenting a memorial to the Legislature for effecting their better security.

Messrs. HOAR, J. C. GRAY, and BARRY were appointed the committee.

Mr. DAVIS, from the First Section, presented a manuscript of — Titcomb, a soldier under Colonel Rogers, the ranger, in 1756, with sundry memoranda of subsequent years.*

Present — The President, Appleton, Barry, Davis, Everett, Felt, J. C. Gray, R. Frothingham, Jr., Hoar, Livermore, Paige, Sears, Shurtleff, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Dec. 26, 1850, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Samuel A. Green, J. D. Graham, Charles F. Harvey, Charles Atwood, Dr. Edward Jarvis, Rev. Francis Parkman, Rev. Frederick A. Whitney, the State of New York, and from Mr. Winthrop, of the Society.

Mr. HOAR, from the Committee on the subject of the better preservation of the municipal records of towns, &c., made a report, accompanied with a draft of a memorial to the Legislature of the Commonwealth. Whereupon,

* We find no clue to such a "manuscript" or such "memoranda" in the Society's Library or in the Donation Book. — Eds.

Voted, That the report be accepted, and that Richard Frothingham, Jr., Esq., be a committee to present the memorial to the Legislature, and use his efforts to enforce the same.*

* The following is a copy of Mr. Hoar's paper, from the transcript preserved on file:—

**"TO THE HONORABLE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.**

"HUMBLY SHOW THE MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY that

"The careful preservation of public records and documents throughout the Commonwealth presents an object worthy the attention of an enlightened government. Such records possess a high and increasing interest as memorials of the Fathers and Founders of the Commonwealth, to be preserved with reverential care. But as materials for illustrating its history, general or local, they are invaluable, and should be guarded, as far as possible, by the protection of the public law against the decay of time, or the mutilation, injury, or loss to which indifference or neglect may expose them. No adequate security, it is believed, is now provided for these important historical documents in the existing statutes of the Commonwealth.

"In the case of many of our towns and cities, the necessity of such provision has been, to a great extent, obviated by the vigilance and public spirit of the municipal authorities themselves. Cases, however, are well known to exist, in which the records of towns have been greatly endangered and exposed, either by want of suitable protection against fire, by inattention to the proper and seasonable binding of ancient books, fast yielding to natural decay, or by the improper removal and detention of the public records by unauthorized and irresponsible persons. It is believed that suitable enactments meeting such cases would contribute essentially to the permanent security and preservation of our municipal records, especially at a period when historical inquiries are so extensively pursued as now.

"In the early establishment of our towns, grants were often made by the General Court of the townships themselves or of other tracts of land, to a body of proprietors, whose records were kept apart from the civil records of the town. Common lands have been, in like manner, held as a proprietary interest and under a form of proprietary organization, in which the town, in its municipal character, had no part. In process of time, such organizations, upon the final disposition of their lands, ceased to exist. Their records, in some cases, were very properly deposited for safe-keeping with the clerk of the town. In many instances, however, they fell into the hands of private and irresponsible individuals, resulting in some cases in their serious injury and mutilation; in others, in their total loss. It is believed that a provision by statute vesting the legal custody of such proprietary records, when not otherwise legally provided for, in the authorities of the town, would yet spare to us much valuable information, which, without such provision, must be sooner or later for ever beyond recovery.

"It may not be unworthy of inquiry in regard to the registries and records of churches, parishes, and religious societies, whether the laws of the Common-

The Librarian, pursuant to the vote of the last meeting, laid before the Society a list of such books and pamphlets of which the Society possess two or more copies.

wealth should not define the proper authority to hold them in safe-keeping, and, when necessary, to certify copies from them, in the event of the extinguishment of such churches or societies as bodies corporate. Such records are worthy of careful preservation, not only for their historical interest: they often verify important facts affecting the rights and interests of individuals. Many cases, arising under the pension laws of the United States, have depended for a decision favorable to the petitioner, solely upon an authenticated entry in a church registry.

"The county records and registries, owing to the difference in the dates of the original establishment of the several counties of the Commonwealth, are, in some instances, materially incomplete; much valuable matter of record, and that of an early date, connected with the territory prior to its legal establishment as a county, being in other, and in some instances distant, county offices. It being greatly conducive to the public convenience to afford every practicable facility of access to the public archives, in which the whole community possess a common interest, it is submitted whether the County Commissioners shall be authorized and instructed, when the public accommodation shall render it desirable, to have attested copies prepared by skilful transcribers, of such records, registries, or papers, or parts of them, in other county offices, as shall afford the desired completeness to their archives, and relieve or assist the labor of research.

"In submitting these suggestions, it is confidently believed that such provisions as the wisdom of the legislature may devise and ordain in the premises will add materially to the value, security, and permanence of those public records and historical memorials, which, in all enlightened countries of the earth, are revered as an inviolable trust from past ages, to be guarded with the utmost vigilance by the supreme authority of the State, and secured by the direct sanctions of established law."

[Appended to the memorial are the following drafts of statutory provisions suggested by the writer of the report:—]

"1. It shall be the duty of (the proper authorities) counties, cities, and towns in this Commonwealth to have all books of public record or registry well and strongly bound, and other papers and documents duly filed and arranged in a careful and orderly manner, convenient for examination and reference. They shall also provide, at the expense of the county, town, or city, a suitable iron-safe or fire-proof vault or apartment, in which the public records and other valuable documents shall be deposited and securely kept.

"2. It shall be the duty of the county commissioners of the respective counties, the city government of cities, and the selectmen of the several towns of the Commonwealth, to provide for the particular security and preservation

Voted, That the Librarian cause the papers entitled the "Pepperell Papers" to be suitably bound and indexed; and that he also examine and prepare for binding all the manuscripts of the Society.

of ancient records; and in cases where, from any cause, they are liable to become worn, mutilated, or illegible, it shall be their duty to have a fair copy of such records seasonably taken and duly authenticated by a competent and skilful transcriber, at the expense of the county, town, or city, to be preserved in like manner as the originals.

"8. It shall be the duty of each clerk or register of any county, city, or town in this Commonwealth, to keep all records or documents in his sole custody; and in no case, except upon summons in due form of law, to have them or cause or permit them to be removed or taken away, under a penalty for each offence, of

"4. All county, city, or town records and files shall be open to public inspection, under the direction of the officers having them in legal custody; and any person who shall be guilty of taking and carrying away any book of record, paper, or document, or of defacing, altering, or mutilating the same by mark, erasure, cutting, or otherwise, shall forfeit and pay a sum of not less than _____ to the use of the Commonwealth.

"5. The legal custody of the books of record and other documents of the ancient proprietors of townships or of common lands within the cities or towns of this Commonwealth, in case such proprietors shall have ceased to be a body corporate, shall, when not otherwise legally disposed of or provided for by such proprietary body before its dissolution, be vested and held to be in the clerk, for the time being, of the city or town in which such lands lay, who may make and certify any copies of such records, in the same manner as the clerk of the proprietors may have done; and it shall be the duty of the clerk of any city or town to claim such proprietary records and papers, and any person unlawfully holding the same, who shall refuse, upon such demand, to surrender them shall be punished by a fine

"6. That any county, city, or town in this Commonwealth, be authorized, when the public convenience shall so require, to have copies taken for their own use by a skilful and competent hand, at the expense of such county, city, or town, of any original records or parts of the same, or of any papers or documents, in the legal custody of any other county, city, or town, which copies shall be subject to the like control, care, and regulation as the other records and files of such county, city, or town.

"7. Any town neglecting or refusing to fulfil the requirements of this act, or any one of them, shall forfeit and pay for each offence the sum of _____. Any town clerk neglecting or refusing, &c.

"8. In case any church or religious society in this Commonwealth shall be disbanded or cease to have a legal existence, and the care of the records and registries of such church or society shall not have been otherwise provided for in due form of law, it shall be the duty of the clerk of such church or society, or other person holding such records and registries, to deliver them into the custody of the clerk of the city or town in which such church or society was,

No communications were received from the members of the Second Section.

Present — The President, Appleton, Budington, Deane, Ellis, Everett, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., Hoar, Lamson, Shurtleff, Sibley, White, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1851.

Thursday, Jan. 30, 1851, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. J. Wingate Thornton, Justin Winsor, J. S. Loring, Horace Mann, E. C. Herrick, Librarian of Yale College, William B. Shedd, William G. Brooks, Don Lucas Alaman, of Mexico, Signor Oreste Brizi, of Italy, the American Antiquarian Society, the American Philosophical Society, Mr. J. S. Loring, and from Messrs. Harris, Shurtleff, Greenleaf, Wheatland, Robbins, and Quincy, of the Society.

On the written request of Rev. Samuel K. Lothrop,

Voted, That he be allowed by the Librarian to take a copy of "a letter to the undertakers of Brattle Street Church from the Salem ministers, objecting to the principles of the manifesto of said undertakers, signed by Higginson, Hubbard, and Noyes." Also, a copy of

who shall have authority to certify copies from the same; and in case of refusal to surrender the same upon due notice and demand by such clerk, the offender shall pay a fine not exceeding dollars."

The result of this memorial of the Society to the Massachusetts Legislature was the enactment of a law covering the principal points suggested in the Report. See Acts and Resolves for 1851, pp. 655-657. — Eds.

"a brief note, signed by Increase Mather and James Allen, refusing, on the part of the Boston ministers, to accept the invitation of Brattle Square Church to unite with them in keeping a day of fasting and prayer," — said copies being designed for publication in Mr. Lothrop's discourses upon the history of Brattle Street Church.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from John M. Bernhisel, Esq., Jan. 23, 1851, requesting a copy of the Society's Collections for the Library of the Territory of Utah. Whereupon, it was

Voted, That a set of the third series be given to the Library, on condition that the printed public documents of the Territory from its commencement and in future be sent to this Society.

Voted, That the Committee for publishing the next volume of the Society's Collections be desired to report at the ensuing meeting of the Society on the state of forwardness of the volume, and what quantity of material is prepared for insertion, and when, in their opinion, the volume may be ready for delivery.

Rev. Dr. JENKS read, from a manuscript in the handwriting of President Dunster, an interesting letter from the President to the learned Christian Ravis, of Berlin, chiefly of a philological character.*

Mr. DAVIS presented to the Society a copy of the Diary of Timothy Newell, of Boston, kept by him during the siege of 1775–1776; and it was

Voted, To refer this Journal, together with the one presented by Mr. Everett at the last November meeting, to the Publishing Committee for the next volume.†

The subject of the enlargement of the Society's accommodations having been introduced,

* This letter is printed in 4 Collections, I. 251–254. — Eds.

† The Diary of Timothy Newell was printed in 4 Collections, I. 261–276. That of Thomas Newell, a transcript of which was presented by Mr. Everett, was printed in the Proceedings for October, 1877, pp. 335–363. — Eds.

Voted, That Messrs. Appleton, Sears, and Ticknor be a committee to ascertain upon what terms the Society can obtain the property in the third story of the Savings Bank building, and also to report upon the manner in which the funds for that purpose can be procured.

Present — The President, Appleton, Davis, Deane, Everett, Felt, Francis, Jenks, Livermore, Quincy, Robbins, Shurtleff, Willard, and Worcester.

Voted, To dissolve this meeting.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Feb. 27, 1851, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Rev. Samuel F. Clarke, O. A. Taylor, H. R. Storer, Joseph G. Cogswell, William G. Brooks, Bickford Pulsifer, Jr., Jesse Chickering, the New York Mercantile Library Association, and from Messrs. Winthrop, Shurtleff, and Harris, of the Society.

Dr. SHURTLEFF, from the Publishing Committee, reported progress in the preparation of the next volume of the Collections.

Mr. TICKNOR, from the Committee on the enlargement of the Society's accommodations, reported that they had addressed a letter to the Provident Institution for Savings on the subject committed to them, but had not yet received an answer.

Voted, That Mr. Neal Pease, of Lenox, have liberty, pursuant to his written request, to take copies, under the direction of the Libra-

rian, under the Rules, of the Baldwin Roll among the "Trumbull Papers," to aid him in his purpose of obtaining pensions.

The President, at the request and in the absence of Mr. Appleton, nominated, for Corresponding Member, Robert Bigsby, Esq., of Repton, Derbyshire, England.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from John M. Bernhisel, Esq., of Utah, acknowledging the receipt of the third series of the Collections, and agreeing to take and pay for the first and second series.

Present — The President, Adams, Austin, Blagden, Felt, N. L. Frothingham, Hoar, Livermore, Paige, Shurtleff, Sibley, Ticknor, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, March 27, 1851, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. James H. Foster & Son, Walter Shattuck, Charles A. Green, Oliver Hall, the United States Treasury Department, Artemas Simonds, James S. Loring, William Plummer, Mrs. John W. Webster, Samuel A. Green, and from Messrs. Winthrop, Sibley, and Everett, of the Society.*

ROBERT BIGSBY, Esq., of Repton, Derbyshire, England, was unanimously chosen a Corresponding Member,

* Mrs. Webster's gift was a portrait of Dr. Redford Webster, a former member of the Society, by Harding. — Eds.

— Messrs. WHEATLAND and SIBLEY, Scrutinizing Committee.

Messrs. LIVERMORE and J. C. GRAY were appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts for the last year, and to report at the annual meeting.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter of acceptance from J. Hammond Trumbull, Esq., of his election as a Corresponding Member.

The Treasurer reported that he had addressed several letters to William Gibbs, Esq., in relation to his assessments, but had received no answer.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. PAIGE,

Voted, That the Standing Committee be requested to make a nomination for Resident Member in the place of Mr. Gibbs.

Mr. EVERETT presented to the Society John Dolbeare's Bill of Lading Book, 1718-1740, and accompanied the present with some remarks.

No communications were received from the members of the Second Section; but Mr. J. C. GRAY suggested again for consideration and examination the subject of the origin of our municipal corporations, upon which remarks were made by several gentlemen.

Present — The President, Blagden, Davis, Ellis, Everett, Felt, Francis, R. Frothingham, Jr., J. C. Gray, Greenleaf, Jenks, Livermore, Lunt, Paige, Quincy, Robbins, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Wheatland, White, Willard, Winthrop, Worcester, and Young.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1851.

Thursday, April 24, 1851, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the New Jersey Historical Society, Rev. Joseph S. Clark, Rev. Oliver A. Taylor, Dr. Edward Jarvis, Messrs. J. Wingate Thornton, O. P. Bacon, James S. Loring, Isaac O. Barnes, Samuel A. Green, Thomas Bridgman, Miss D. L. Dix, and from Messrs. Shattuck, Winthrop, and Young, of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Don Lucas Alaman, of Mexico, Feb. 1, 1851, accepting his election as Corresponding Member.

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts made the following report, viz. : —

The undersigned, a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society appointed to examine the accounts of Richard Frothingham, Jr., Treasurer of the Society, have attended to that duty, and report that the accounts are accurately kept, properly vouched, and correctly cast, and that there appears on the books a balance to the credit of the Society of three hundred and thirty-seven dollars and sixty-six cents.*

JOHN C. GRAY,
GEORGE LIVEMORE, } *Committee.*

Boston, April 24, 1851.

* The receipts for the year amounted to \$553.85, of which sum \$161 were for admission fees and assessments, and \$392.85 for sales of books from March 30, 1849, to March 25, 1851. The payments amounted to \$338.94. Of this sum \$45.90 were for taxes, \$100 to Mr. Felt for services as Librarian, and \$188.04 for miscellaneous expenses. — Eds.

The Society then proceeded to ballot for officers for the ensuing year, and Messrs. LUNT and SIBLEY were appointed a committee to collect, assort, and count the votes, and they reported that the following gentlemen were chosen, viz.: —

JAMES SAVAGE.	PRESIDENT.
JOSEPH WILLARD.	RECORDING SECRETARY.
ALEXANDER YOUNG.	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JOSEPH B. FELT	LIBRARIAN.
RICHARD FROTHINGHAM, Jr.	TREASURER.
ISAAC P. DAVIS.	CABINET-KEEPER.
FRANCIS C. GRAY	} STANDING COMMITTEE.
CONVERS FRANCIS	
ALEXANDER YOUNG	
GEORGE TICKNOR	
JOSEPH WILLARD	

The matter of a nomination of a Resident Member was postponed to the next meeting.

Mr. Shattuck nominated Theodoric Romeyne Beck, M.D., of Albany, New York, for Corresponding Member.

Mr. PAIGE presented a copy of the Journal kept by Mr. Wadsworth (afterwards President Wadsworth, of Harvard College), who accompanied Captain Sewall and Major Townsend, August, 1694, on their mission to Albany to treat with the Five Nations.*

No communications were received from the members of the Third Section.

Present — The President, Deane, Ellis, Everett, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., J. C. Gray, Hillard, Livermore, Lunt, Paige, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Ticknor, White, Willard, Winthrop, Worcester, and Young.

* This Journal is printed in 4 Collections, I. 102-110. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, May 29, 1851, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Dr. SHURTLEFF was appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Robert Dodge, L. M. Fitch, Thomas B. Wyman, Jr., S. G. Whitney, Samuel A. Green, Benjamin A. Gould, Jr., James S. Loring, J. Wingate Thornton, Edwin M. Stone, the Minnesota Historical Society, the Rhode Island Historical Society, and from Messrs. Wheatland and Folsom, of the Society.

THEODORIC ROMEYNE BECK, M.D., of Albany, New York, was chosen a Corresponding Member, — Messrs. SHATTUCK and WHEATLAND, Scrutinizing Committee.

The Standing Committee were instructed to make a nomination at the next meeting for a Resident Member, in place of Mr. William Gibbs.

No communications were received from the members of the First Section.

Present — The President, Davis, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., J. C. Gray, Hoar, Livermore, Paige, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Ticknor, Wheatland, and White.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, June 26, 1851, 12 M. In the absence of the President, Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP was chosen President *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Francis Jarvis, A. B. Davenport, W. G. Brooks, James S. Loring, J. Wingate Thornton, Dr. Edward Jarvis, John Dean, the Boston Society of Natural History, William End, Esq., of New Brunswick, Rev. Messrs. Samuel K. Lothrop and Alonzo Hill, and from Messrs. Greenleaf, Young, Winthrop, and Davis, of this Society.

No communications were received from the members of the Second Section.

Present — Austin, Davis, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., Paige, Robbins, Shurtleff, Ticknor, Willard, Winthrop, and Worcester.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, July 31, 1851, 12 M. In the absence of the President, Hon. F. C. GRAY was chosen President *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the American Philosophical Society, Messrs. William H. Montague, James S. Loring, Samuel A. Green, Thomas Kirkbride, Bick-

ford Pulsifer, J. Prescott Hall, William G. Brooks, E. B. Corwin, Rev. Lyman Whiting, Rev. S. Adlam, and from Messrs. Adams, Everett, Sibley, and Willard, of this Society.

No communications were received from the members of the Third Section.

Dr. SHURTLEFF exhibited at the meeting impressions in wax of the corporate and Admiralty seals and the Mayor's official seal of Boston in England, set in a frame wrought from a beam in the church there, in which Cotton preached, and presented by the Mayor, &c., of Boston in old England to the Mayor and Aldermen of Boston in New England.

Present — Blagden, Davis, Felt, Francis, N. L. Frothingham, F. C. Gray, Jenks, Livermore, Paige, Shurtleff, and Willard.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Aug. 27, 1851, 12 M. In the absence of the President, Hon. F. C. GRAY was chosen President *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Congress of the United States, the United States Indian Department, the Smithsonian Institute, Right Hon. Earl of Ellesmere, Messrs. Joseph Leonard, J. S. Loring, Parker & White, Hon. John Davis, Charles B. Norton, and from Messrs. Sibley and Winthrop, of the Society.

On the written request of Mr. James S. Loring,

Voted, That he have leave to take copies from the "Hancock Manuscripts," for an historical purpose, under the Rules adopted at the September meeting, 1849.

No communications were received from the members of the First Section.

Present — Deane, Felt, N. L. Frothingham, R. Frothingham, Jr., F. C. Gray, J. C. Gray, Livermore, Paige, Shurtleff, Wheatland, White, and Willard.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Sept. 25, 1851, 12 M. In the absence of the President, Rev. Mr. PAIGE was chosen President *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Secretary's Department of the Commonwealth, the Historical Society of Wisconsin, the family of the late Rev. Dr. Pierce, C. M. Morris, of United States Navy, Rev. J. T. Tucker, Messrs. Edward Jones, James S. Loring, Samuel A. Green, William S. Russell, and from Messrs. Winthrop and Willard, of this Society.

Mr. SEARS, from the Committee on the subject of additional accommodations for the Society, reported verbally that, in consequence of the absence of two of the members of the Committee from the country until recently, no progress had been made in the subject-matter of their appointment.

No communications were received from the members of the Second Section.

Present — Austin, Barry, Davis, Felt, N. L. Frothingham, R. Frothingham, Jr., Hillard, Jenks, Livermore, Paige, Sears, Shurtleff, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Oct. 30, 1851, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. J. Wingate Thornton, William G. Brooks, N. I. Bowditch, James S. Loring, Matthias Ellis, Thomas B. Pope, Captain Henry Larcom, Rev. Charles Brooks, Mrs. Mary B. Longhurst, the United States Patent Office, and from Messrs. Shurtleff, Sibley, and Winthrop, of this Society.

A copy of an interesting letter, chiefly political, from General Joseph Warren to Edmund Dana, in England, afterward Rev. Edmund Dana, of Wroxeter, dated "Boston, March 19, 1766," enclosed in a letter from Mr. William H. Wood, of Salisbury, England, and forwarded from England by the Hon. Abbott Lawrence, was laid before the Society by the President. Whereupon,

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Mr. Lawrence for this kind service.*

* This letter was not printed in the Collections, but was published in Frothingham's *Life of Warren*, pp. 20-22, from the Society's copy. — Eds.

Also, *voted*, To refer the Warren letter to the Publishing Committee.

Voted, That the next meeting of the Society be held on Thursday, 20th November, — the annual Thanksgiving falling on the day of the Society's stated meeting.

On motion of Judge WHITE,

Voted, That Messrs. Young and Shurtleff be a committee to revise the By-Laws of the Society, with special view to a change of the time of holding the Society's monthly meetings, and to propose any other amendments that may suggest themselves in the premises.

Present — The President, Appleton, Barry, Davis, Ellis, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., F. C. Gray, Jenks, Paige, Robbins, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, White, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Nov. 20, 1851, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, GEORGE LIVERMORE was chosen Recording Secretary *pro tem*.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. D. L. Alaman and James S. Loring; also from Messrs. Savage and Sibley, of this Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Robert Bigsby, Esq., in reply to a note from him respecting his election as a Corresponding Member of the Society.

Voted, That the next meeting of the Society be held on Thursday the eighteenth day of December next, — Christmas falling on the day of the Society's stated meeting.

Present—The President, Appleton, Davis, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., Jenks, Livermore, Paige, Robbins, Sibley, Shurtleff, Ticknor, Wheatland, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Dec. 18, 1851, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the New Jersey Historical Society, Dr. Edward Jarvis, Mr. Samuel A. Green, and from Mr. Sibley, of this Society.

Voted, That the Librarian, Dr. Shurtleff, and Mr. Livermore be a committee to contract with Mr. Caloran O'Brien to make a catalogue of the Library under their direction, for a compensation not exceeding four hundred dollars.

No communications were received from the members of the Second Section.

Voted, That this meeting be now dissolved.

Present—The President, Appleton, Davis, Deane, Everett, Felt, N. L. Frothingham, R. Frothingham, Jr., J. C. Gray, Hoar, Jenks, Livermore, Paige, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Ticknor, Wheatland, and Willard.

MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1852.

Thursday, Jan. 29, 1852, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from a Committee of the Second Church in Boston, the Editor of the "Western Horticultural Review" for 1851, the United States Ordinance and Topographical Department, Messrs. Edward Jarvis, Joseph Andrews, Jonathan Tenney, William G. Brooks, J. Wingate Thornton, and Rev. George Richards, and from Messrs. Lamson, Robbins, and Shurtleff, of this Society.

The Librarian, from the Committee on the Catalogue, reported verbally that the Committee had engaged Mr. Caloran O'Brien to make the catalogue, and that he had commenced the undertaking.*

Dr. SHURTLEFF preferred a request from the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, that the deficient volumes in their set of the Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society may be furnished to them. Whereupon,

Voted, That Messrs. Felt, Shurtleff, and Deane be a committee to take the subject into consideration, and make report thereupon.

Mr. TICKNOR, from the Third Section, read to the meeting certain letters written by the elder President Adams, while minister at the Court of St. James, to

* Mr. O'Brien labored for a time on a new catalogue of the Society's Library, writing the titles of the books upon cards which were placed, provisionally, inside the volumes; but his labor, as will be seen further on, soon ended. — *Eds.*

Philip Mazzei, of Pisa, Italy, the original of one of which and copies of the two others he had procured from Mazzei's representatives in Italy.*

The President, from the same Section, communicated to the Society a letter from the late Rev. Dr. Osgood, of Medford, Jan. 20, 1804, to the late Ebenezer Storer, Esq., of Boston, containing a criticism on Rev. Dr. Chauncy's work on "Universal Salvation."

The President communicated to the Society a manuscript copy of "Good News from New England," published in 1647-8, which copy was made under the direction of Sir Henry Ellis, from the original work in the British Museum. Whereupon,

Voted, To refer the same to the Publishing Committee.†

The Standing Committee nominated Francis Parkman, Jr., for Resident Member, *vice* Mr. William Gibbs.

Present—The President, Appleton, Budington, Deane, Felt, Francis, R. Frothingham, Jr., F. C. Gray, Jenks, Livermore, Lunt, Paige, Shurtleff, Ticknor, Winthrop, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

* These letters were probably retained by Mr. Ticknor in his own possession. Mr. Ticknor was evidently interested in the character and career of Mazzei, and he once mentioned to the writer of this note that he himself had some letters, of this Italian adventurer, of considerable historical interest. See *Life of George Ticknor*, II. 92, 98. A letter from John Adams to Mazzei, dated "London, June 12, 1787," is printed in the *Life and Works of John Adams*, IX. 552. — Eds.

† It is printed in 4 Collections, I. 195-218. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Feb. 26, 1852, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from General Talcott, United States Army, Dr. C. T. Jackson, Dr. Thomas S. Kirkbride, Commodore Morris, Theophilus R. Marvin, Esq., and from Messrs. Barry, Davis, and John C. Gray, of this Society.

Mr. FELT, from the Committee on the request of the Pennsylvania Historical Society, reported in favor of granting their request, excepting Vols. VIII., IX., and X. of the first series.

Voted, That the report be accepted, without the exception therein mentioned, and that the request of the said Society be granted.

Mr. FRANCIS PARKMAN, Jr., was elected a Resident Member, — Messrs. SIBLEY and BARRY, Scrutinizing Committee.

On motion of Mr. SAVAGE,

Ordered, That the Committee on the publication of the next volume of the Society's Collections be directed to make report at the next monthly meeting of the state of progress of the printing of the same, and when it may probably be published.

Also, *ordered*, That the Committee to revise the By-Laws of the Society, appointed last October, be requested to report at the next meeting on the election of officers, and especially if it be not expedient to provide that the election of each officer be made by ballot for a single name.

On motion of Dr. YOUNG, that another member be added to the above Committee, it was

Voted accordingly ;

And Mr. TICKNOR was added to said Committee.

No communications were received from the members of the First Section.

Present — The President, Appleton, Barry, Davis, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., Shurtleff, Sibley, Ticknor, Willard, Worcester, and Young, at the opening of the meeting ; and came in during the meeting, Adams, Austin, Ellis, Everett, Francis, F. C. Gray, Livermore, and Winthrop.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, March 25, 1852, 12 M., — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Hon. John Davis and Mr. James S. Loring, and from Messrs. Savage, Everett, Shurtleff, Sibley, Winthrop, and Worcester, of this Society.

The Librarian communicated a letter from the Corresponding Secretary of the Pennsylvania Historical Society, expressing thanks for the volumes of our Collections completing their set, forwarded to them pursuant to a vote passed at the February meeting. He also communicated a letter from the Corresponding Secretary of the New Jersey Historical Society, addressed to Rev. Dr. Lowell, stating his having forwarded Vol. IV. of the New Jersey Historical Society's Collections to our Society, — which volume has not yet been received.

Dr. JENKS, from the Committee of Publication, reported upon the progress made in printing Vol. I., fourth series, and the Committee's expectation that it would be completed by the second monthly meeting from the present meeting; which report was accepted.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Mr. Francis Parkman, Jr., of Boston, accepting his election as a Resident Member of this Society.

Rev. Dr. YOUNG, from the Committee on the revision of the By-Laws appointed at the October meeting, 1851, reported in part, recommending a repeal of Articles IV. and V. of Chapter I., and that the following Articles be substituted, viz. : —

ARTICLE IV. — There shall be a meeting of the Society on the second Thursday of every month, and other meetings shall be called whenever the President, or, in his absence, either of the Secretaries, shall be requested to call them by the Standing Committee or by any five members, — the Recording Secretary issuing the accustomed notices.

ARTICLE V. — The officers of the Society shall be a President, who shall be *ex officio* Chairman of the Standing Committee, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, a Librarian, a Cabinet-Keeper, and a Standing Committee of five. They shall be chosen by ballot at the regular monthly meeting in April, and shall hold their respective offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen in their stead; but, at the regular monthly meeting preceding any election of officers, a Nominating Committee, consisting of three persons, shall be appointed by the chair, who shall report to the meeting at which the election is to be made a list of members for the places to be filled; no person being deemed eligible to more than one of the regular offices of the

Society at the same time, and no more than three of the existing Standing Committee being deemed re-eligible.*

The foregoing report having been submitted, and its recommendations having been discussed,

Voted, To accept the report, so far as made, and that the said Committee, in pursuance of their request, have further time to report on the subject of "a more general revision of the Laws and Regulations of the Society."

Under the newly adopted Article V., the President appointed Messrs. APPLETON, N. L. FROTHINGHAM, and LIVERMORE a nominating committee, to report at the next April meeting a list of members for officers for the then next ensuing year.

Voted, That as the annual Fast is appointed for the second Thursday in April, the Society's April meeting be held on the third Thursday of the month.

Messrs. DAVIS and SHATTUCK were appointed a committee on the Treasurer's accounts.

Rev. Dr. JENKS, from the Second Section, read a letter from Rev. Samuel Danforth, of Taunton, Aug. 8, 1720, to Rev. Dr. Cotton Mather, and to be communicated by him to the reverend ministers in Boston.

Voted, To refer this letter to the Publishing Committee.†

Mr. WILLARD presented to the Society, in the name of H. Weld Fuller, Esq., an Indian version of the Lord's Prayer, in the Milicete and Micmac dialects, together with a letter to Mr. Fuller on the subject of

* In the Code of By-Laws revised in 1853, the former of these articles, somewhat modified, was introduced as Article 1, Chapter II.; and the latter as the sole Article of Chapter III. — EDS.

† This is printed in 4 Collections, I. 255-260. — EDS.

these tribes from their chief, M. H. Perley, Esq., of New Brunswick Province.

Voted, To refer the versions and letter to the Publishing Committee.*

Present — The President, Davis, Everett, Felt, Jenks, Livermore, Paige, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Willard, and Worcester, at the opening of the meeting; and came in during the meeting, Appleton, Blagden, Ellis, N. L. Frothingham, Robbins, and Young.

Voted, To dissolve this meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1852.

Thursday, April 15, 1852, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the New Jersey Historical Society, the Minnesota Historical Society, the United States Navy Department, the New Orleans Free Library, the American Secretary of Legation in Mexico, Messrs. Artemas Simonds and Edward Jarvis, and Rev. Rufus Anderson, D.D., and Messrs. Sibley, Savage, and Young, of this Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Mr. Whitehead, Corresponding Secretary of the New Jersey Historical Society, April 8, 1852, requesting, in behalf of that Society, that some duly authorized

* They were not printed by the Society, neither can they be found in the Library at the present time. — Eds.

person may be permitted to make copies of such of the papers of Governor Belcher, in the Library of the Massachusetts Historical Society as may refer to his administration of the government of New Jersey. Whereupon,

Voted, That the request of the New Jersey Historical Society be granted.

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts for the past year, by Mr. Davis, their Chairman, made the following report, which was read and accepted, viz. : —

The undersigned, a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society appointed to examine the accounts of Richard Frothingham, Jr., Treasurer of the Society, have attended to that duty, and report, That the accounts are properly vouched and correctly cast, and that there appears to be a balance due to the Society of one hundred sixty-eight dollars and twenty-five cents on general account, and eighty-seven dollars and thirty-one cents on account of the sales of books.*

ISAAC P. DAVIS.

Boston, April 15, 1852.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting, under Article V. of the amended Rules, to report at this meeting a list of members for officers of the Society for the year now next ensuing, made the following nominations: viz., James Savage, for President; Joseph Willard, for Recording Secretary; Alexander Young, for Corresponding Secretary; Richard Frothingham, Jr., for Treasurer; Joseph B. Felt, for Librarian; Isaac P.

* The receipts for the year were \$51, all for assessments. The payments amounted to \$220.41, — \$100 to Mr. Felt for services, \$47.25 for taxes, and \$73.16 for miscellaneous expenses. — Eds.

Davis, for Cabinet-Keeper ; and Francis C. Gray, George Ticknor, Convers Francis, Edward Everett, and George E. Ellis, for the Standing Committee. Whereupon,

Voted, Not to accept said report.

And, on motion of Mr. TICKNOR,

Voted, That the names of Messrs. Gray, Ticknor, and Francis be struck off from the foregoing list of candidates for the Standing Committee, and that Messrs. George Livermore, N. B. Shurtleff, and N. L. Frothingham be substituted thereon.

A ballot was then taken, — Messrs. WINTHROP and WORCESTER, Scrutinizing Committee, to collect, assort, and count the votes ; and the said Committee made report that the following gentlemen were chosen, viz. :

JAMES SAVAGE	PRESIDENT.
JOSEPH WILLARD	RECORDING SECRETARY.
ALEXANDER YOUNG	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
RICHARD FROTHINGHAM, JR.	TREASURER.
JOSEPH B. FELT	LIBRARIAN.
ISAAC P. DAVIS	CABINET-KEEPER.
EDWARD EVERETT	} STANDING COMMITTEE.
GEORGE E. ELLIS	
GEORGE LIVERMORE	
N. B. SHURTLEFF	
N. L. FROTHINGHAM	

Rev. Dr. Frothingham declining to serve upon the Standing Committee, a new ballot was taken, — Messrs. WINTHROP and WORCESTER, Scrutinizing Committee as aforesaid, who made report that CHARLES DEANE was chosen in place of Dr. Frothingham.

Mr. WINTHROP, from the Third Section, read three interesting letters from Governor Pownall to Governor

Bowdoin, chiefly upon political matters under date of 1769, 1772, and 1778.*

Present — The President, Davis, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., Jenks, Livermore, Shurtleff, Ticknor, Willard, Worcester, and Young, at the opening of the meeting; and came in during the meeting, N. L. Frothingham, Paige, and Winthrop.

Voted, To dissolve this meeting.

JOSEPH WILLARD,
Recording Secretary.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, May 13, 1852, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Charles Warren, Matthew A. Stickney, Samuel A. Green, Henry Gassett, and David Pulsifer, and from Mr. Sparks, of this Society.†

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Mr. Francis Parkman, Jr., of this Society, accompanied with a present of the first volume of the Collections of the Louisiana Historical Society.

Rev. Dr. JENKS, from the Publishing Committee, reported verbally that Vol. I. of the Society's fourth decade was through the press, and would be ready for delivery probably in the course of the ensuing week.

* See Proceedings for October, 1861, pp. 237-248, where these letters will be found. — EDS.

† The gift of Mr. Warren was a portrait of William Whishaw, Esq. — EDS.

Mr. DAVIS, from the First Section, communicated a letter, dated "Morristown, N. J., April 22, 1777," from General Washington to Captain Gibbs, afterwards Major Gibbs, of the Revolutionary Army, relating chiefly to the providing of a uniform for Washington's Corps of Life Guards, its color, &c.*

There being no further offerings from the First Section, Mr. WILLARD, from the Third Section, by leave, read the following letters addressed to the late President Willard, of Harvard College, by

1. Alexander Hamilton, Sept. 6, 1792.
2. J. Carroll of Washington, D. C., May 14, 1804.
3. John Adams, while in France, Sept. 8, 1784.
4. " " " " April 22, 1785.
5. General Washington, March 10, 1787.
6. Madam Washington, by Tobias Lear, June 6, 1800.
7. John Peter Buck, Peter's son, Hamburg, April 24, 1791.
8. Nathaniel Bowditch, Salem, Aug. 28, 1797.

This Buck letter brought up the subject of the articles in the collections of this Society more particularly pertaining to the department of Natural History. Whereupon,

Voted, That Messrs. Davis and Shurtleff be a committee to consider what there may be in our Collections more adapted to the purposes of the Boston Society of Natural History than to our own, and report thereupon.

Present—The President, Blagden, Davis, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., Hoar, Jenks, Lunt, Sears, Shurtleff, Young, and Willard, at opening; and afterwards, Deane.

Voted, That this meeting be dissolved.

* Neither this letter nor the letters following, read by Mr. Willard, can be found on file. They were probably not deposited in the Library. — Ede.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, June 10, 1852, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. J. H. Trumbull, Henry J. Prentiss, Thomas Bridgman, Charles M. Ellis, the United States Treasury Department, the Philadelphia Library, Rev. Preston Cummings, and from Messrs. Deane, Young, Winthrop, Wheatland, and Quincy, of this Society.

Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on the subject of the articles in the department of Natural History belonging to the Society, made a verbal report in part, and the Committee had leave to sit again, and to make a written report in detail at a future meeting.

Voted, That a copy of Vol. I., fourth series, be presented to Miss F. M. Caulkins, and also a copy to each of the following gentlemen: viz., Rev. Joseph Hunter, of London, Rev. Mr. Bartlet, of Chelsea, and Rev. Dr. Jenks, the Chairman of the Publishing Committee.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Hon. Charles W. Upham, resigning his membership, May 19, 1852.

The President nominated, for Corresponding Member, Rev. Joseph Romilly, Registrar of the University of Cambridge, England.

The President communicated a letter from W. Hunter, Esq., acting Secretary of State, United States, with a return of a map of the United States, from the French of D'Anville, being one of a number received by the

United States Government on loan from this Society in 1828, to be used in the negotiation touching the north-eastern boundary line between this country and Great Britain.

A communication was received from the Maine Historical Society, requesting that they may be supplied with the volumes of our Collections, where deficient. Whereupon,

Voted, That the Librarian be directed to furnish all such volumes of which we have not less than twenty copies.

Dr. SHURTLEFF, from Ellis Ames, Esq., of Canton, Massachusetts, communicated a request for an exchange with the Society of certain Journals of the Massachusetts Legislature before the Revolution, &c. Whereupon,

Voted, To refer the subject to the Standing Committee, with full authority, in their discretion, to comply with the request.

On motion of Mr. F. C. GRAY,

Voted, That the President nominate a committee of four to prepare and publish the second volume of the fourth series of the Society's Collections.

Whereupon, the President nominated Messrs. ELLIS, ROBBINS, SHURTLEFF, and DEANE.

Voted, To accept the foregoing nomination.

Mr. LIVERMORE, from the Second Section, communicated a manuscript copy of Shepard's Diary.*

* The following is the title-page of the manuscript presented by Mr. Livermore:—

"A portion of the Diary of Rev. Thomas Shepard, Minister of Cambridge,

Present—The President, Barry, Davis, Ellis, Felt, Jenks, Paige, Shurtleff, Ticknor, and Willard, at the opening of the meeting; and afterwards, Blagden, Everett, F. C. Gray, Livermore, Quincy, Robbins, Shaw, and Young.

Voted, To dissolve this meeting.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, July 8, 1852, 12 m. The Society held their stated meeting,—the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Don Pedro de Angelis, of Buenos Ayres, Messrs. Asa D. Gove and Edward Jarvis, the American Philosophical

N. E., copied page for page from the original manuscript for George Livermore, Esq., by David Pulsifer, MDCCCLII."

The following description of the Diary, in Mr. Livermore's hand, is pasted inside the cover of the book:—

"The original manuscript is now in New York. It begins Nov. 25, 1640, and ends March 28, 1644. A portion of this Diary, from the beginning to Dec. 27, 1641, was published in a small volume at Boston, in 1647, entitled 'The valuable pieces,' &c., &c. It contains a preface, signed by Thomas Prince, as a general introduction to the volume; and also a preface to the Diary, written, it is said, by David Brainard.

"The present portion of the Diary commences where the printed portion ends. This has never been published.

"Mr. Shepard was born at Towcester, England, Nov. 5, 1605; was educated at Emanuel College, Cambridge; came to New England in 1635; took charge of the church at Cambridge, Feb. 1, 1636; died Aug. 25, 1649. G. L."

This portion of Shepard's Diary is of little historical value, being principally a record of his religious experiences, and his communings with himself and his Maker. Another manuscript of Shepard's, which comprises his memoir or autobiography, was published by the Rev. Nehemiah Adams, D.D., in 1832, and later by the Rev. Alexander Young, D.D., in his *Chronicles of Massachusetts*. — EDS.

Society, the State of New York, the Loganean Library, the American Antiquarian Society, the Mercantile Library Association, and from Rev. Dr. Francis, of the Society.

The Standing Committee, to whom was referred at the last meeting the request of Ellis Ames, Esq., for the exchange of certain legislative Journals of Massachusetts, made a report, recommending the exchange proposed.

Voted, To accept the report, and adopt the recommendation of the Committee.

Voted, That the Publishing Committee of the next volume examine the memoir of the late Rev. Dr. Harris, prepared by the late Rev. Dr. Pierce; and if they are satisfied, upon examination, that any addition should be made to the same, that they obtain the memoir prepared by his son, Dr. Harris, of Cambridge, and place the memoirs in the hands of Rev. Dr. Frothingham, to be prepared for publication in the Collections under his direction.

The Standing Committee reported adversely to the request of Mr. S. Hopkins Emery for a loan of Danforth's Election Sermon, for the purpose of reprinting the same, and to Mr. George H. Moore's request for a loan of the volume of "Political Tracts."

The Standing Committee recommended that the request of Dr. Theodoric Romeyne Beck, June 28 last, in behalf of the Trustees of the New York State Library, for an exchange with this Society be granted. And, thereupon, it was

Voted, That the same be granted, and that Vol. I., of the fourth series of the Society's Collections, together with all subsequent volumes as published, be furnished to the New York State Library.

On the request of Mr. Benjamin F. French, June 23, 1852, in behalf of the "New Orleans Fisk Free Library,"

for a donation of the Society's "Catalogue, and such books as the Society is at liberty to give,"

Voted, To present to the Library Vol. I., fourth series, of the Society's Collections.

The Standing Committee nominated, for Resident Member, Ellis Ames, Esq., of Canton, in the place of Hon. Charles W. Upham, of Salem, resigned.

Rev. JOSEPH ROMILLY, Registrar of the University of Cambridge, England, was unanimously chosen a Corresponding Member of the Society.

The President laid before the meeting sundry letters of Rev. John Eliot, the Apostle to the Indians, as copied from the original by Rev. John Waddington, pastor of the church formed by Henry Jacob in Southwark, with the certificate of Hon. Abbott Lawrence, our Minister at the Court of St. James (under his official seal), of their being copies from the original, which he has seen.

Voted, To refer the same to the Publishing Committee of Vol. II., fourth series.*

Present — The President, Davis, Deane, Ellis, Everett, Felt, Francis, Hoar, Jenks, Lincoln, Livermore, Shurtleff, Willard, Worcester, and Young, at the opening of the meeting; and afterwards, R. Frothingham, Jr., Paige, Robbins, and White.

Voted, To dissolve this meeting.

* See Proceedings for November, 1879. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Tuesday, Aug. 12, 1852, 12 m. The stated meeting of the Society was held.

In the absence of the President and Recording Secretary, Hon. SAMUEL HOAR was chosen President *pro tem.*, and Dr. N. B. SHURTLEFF, Recording Secretary *pro tem.*

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Messrs. Samuel A. Green, Rev. Dr. Neale, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Maryland Historical Society, Hon. R. R. Hinman, the Governors of the New York Almshouse, the New York Historical Society, and from Messrs. Sparks and Shurtleff, of the Society.

ELLIS AMES, Esq., was elected a Resident Member, *vice* Hon. Charles W. Upham, resigned, — Messrs. SHATTUCK and YOUNG, Scrutinizing Committee.

Dr. SHURTLEFF, from the Committee appointed at the last May meeting to consider and report what there may be in the collections of this Society more adapted to the purposes of the Boston Society of Natural History, reported, —

That having attended to the duty assigned, they found that, in October, 1795, a very valuable collection of dried plants, collected in Europe, and consisting of twenty-two hundred specimens, was presented to the Society by Thomas H. Perkins, Esq., which collection was systematically arranged and catalogued by our late distinguished associate, Professor Peck, and has ever since their reception been pre-

served and watched with much care ; that it was one of the early objects of the Society to make collections like the above mentioned ; but that, in later years, the Boston Society of Natural History having been organized for the special study of natural sciences, having been in successful operation for more than twenty years, having conduced much to the advancement of science, and having the full confidence of the public, the Historical Society has, as a society, ceased to make collections and to pay attention to matters of this kind ; and, therefore, they recommend that the valuable gift of Mr. Perkins (his consent having been obtained) be transferred to that Society, with a view to the furtherance of pursuits in natural science.

Whereupon,

Voted, To accept the report, and that the same Committee be authorized to transfer the property to the said Natural History Society.

A letter was received from Mr. Nahum Capen, requesting the privilege of taking from the Library certain "reference books which stand upon the reserved list."

Voted, Not to grant the request.

Present — Ellis, Felt, J. C. Gray, Hoar, Livermore, Lunt, Paige, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Sept. 9, 1852, 12 M. The stated meeting of the Society was held ; and, in the absence of the President, Hon. Mr. EVERETT was chosen President *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Mrs. Harding, of Medfield, Messrs. John S. Pulsifer, Samuel A. Green, James S. Loring, the Essex Natural History Society, the Connecticut Historical Society, and from Messrs. Ames, Wheatland, and Winthrop, of this Society; also, Mr. Ames's acceptance.

No communications were received from the members of the Second Section.

Mr. DAVIS communicated a short abstract from the Diary of Colonel Alexander Scammell, under date of 1772.

Present — Barry, Davis, Everett, Felt, Jenks, Shurtleff, Sibley, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Oct. 14, 1852, 12 M. The stated meeting was held, — the President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF was chosen Recording Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. John M. Galt and Peter Force, Drs. J. C. Warren and Edward Jarvis, Professor Martyn Payne, and from Messrs. Ames and Sibley, of the Society.

A letter was received from J. E. Cabot, Esq., Corresponding Secretary of the Boston Society of Natural History, acknowledging the receipt of the cases of

European botanical specimens transferred to that Society with the consent of the donor, Hon. Thomas H. Perkins.

The President read an application from S. Hopkins Emery, of Taunton, for permission to transcribe and print certain letters in the Hinckley and Mather manuscripts. Whereupon,

Voted, That the President and Librarian be authorized to grant the request of Mr. Emery, on his application, according to the Rules of the Society, provided they see fit to do so.

Mr. SIBLEY, of the Third Section, announced that a company had discovered the locality of Popham's Settlement, and that an account would soon be given to the public by the Maine Historical Society.

Mr. SAVAGE communicated a letter from Mr. Shirley, of Stratford-on-Avon, concerning an old tract on Virginia.*

The President nominated James Ricker, Jr., Esq., of Haerlem, New York, as Corresponding Member.

Present — The President, Ames, Appleton, Barry, Davis, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., F. C. Gray, Jenks, Lamson, Livermore, Paige, Robbins, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, and Worcester.

* We do not find this letter on file. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Nov. 11, 1852, 12 m. The Society held their stated meeting,—the President being in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. L. W. Leonard, J. Wingate Thornton, David Turner, Jr., Maturin M. Ballou, the American Antiquarian Society, and from Messrs. Davis and Ames, of the Society.

A communication from the Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries at Copenhagen, touching the early history of Ireland, England, and Iceland, and the Scandinavian discoveries in North America, was referred to Messrs. Barry and Jenks, to report thereupon.*

* The following is the communication referred to:—

“ROYAL SOCIETY OF NORTHERN ANTIQUARIES,
“COPENHAGEN, July 29, 1852.

“SIR,—On behalf of the Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries, I have despatched a parcel to the Massachusetts Historical Society. This parcel I beg to recommend to your kind care, as also our contemplated publication of British and Irish Antiquities, from records contained in old northern manuscripts. For the proper furtherance of this undertaking, it is of great importance that some interest should be awakened for the same in the United States of America, for which purpose it is necessary that our programme should enjoy a more extensive circulation.

“I have received a letter from London of November 21, stating that the Secretaries of the Royal Geographical Society and of the Society of Antiquaries will gladly do whatever lies in their power for the promotion of this object more especially for the more extended circulation of our programme. We indulge the hope that the Secretaries or Librarians of the Universities and Historical Societies in America will evince the same kindness with respect to this matter.

“One of the American Historical Societies has forwarded to the Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries a ‘History of the United States of America, Designed for the Use of Schools.’ Therein is found a small section on the

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Rev. Joseph Romilly, accepting his election as a Corresponding Member of the Society.

JAMES RICKER, Jr., Esq., of Haerlem, New York, was elected a Corresponding Member of the Society, — Messrs. LIVERMORE and SIBLEY, Scrutinizing Committee.

A vote having been passed at the last July meeting “that the Publishing Committee of the next volume examine the memoir of the late Rev. Dr. Harris, prepared by the late Rev. Dr. Pierce; and, if they are satisfied upon examination that any additions should be made to the same, that they obtain the memoir prepared by his son, Dr. Harris, of Cambridge, and place the memoirs in the hands of Rev. Dr. Frothingham, to be prepared for publication in the Collections under his direction,” — Mr. ELLIS reports from the Publishing Committee that the memoir by Dr. Pierce is inadequate

discoveries of the Northmen, which, however, contains sundry inaccuracies and material errors, owing to the author's having been unacquainted with the work entitled ‘*Antiquitates Americanae*.’ This has occasioned the drawing up of a brief sketch directly based upon the ancient records in the old Northern or old Danish language, which have been preserved in Icelandic manuscripts at Copenhagen and published in the work above mentioned. This sketch is now transmitted to you along with the programme, and may at pleasure be regarded as a manuscript for insertion in your journal, or in any other publication where it may find a suitable place and serve to diffuse the knowledge of this historical fact. Alexander Humboldt and other inquirers, who have had an opportunity of consulting the above-mentioned work, have fully acknowledged this, as well as also the position given in the work to the countries discovered, the accurate knowledge whereof seems to deserve to be more widely diffused.

“Recommending this matter to your kind notice, I beg to subscribe myself, your obedient servant,

“CHARLES C. RAFFN,

“Secretary of the Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries.

“To the Secretary of the Massachusetts

“Historical Society, Boston.”

Eds.

to the subject, and that Dr. Harris, of Cambridge, has prepared no memoir of his father. Whereupon,

Voted, That a communication of the facts be made by the Recording Secretary to Dr. Frothingham, and that he be requested to prepare the proposed memoir for the Society's Collections.*

On motion of Mr. ROBBINS,

Voted, That a committee be appointed to draft a series of resolutions appropriate to the memory of our late deceased associate, the Hon. Daniel Webster, and to report if any and what steps should be taken by the Society in consequence of his death.

Also, *voted*, That the Committee consist of three members.

Messrs. ROBBINS, DAVIS, and APPLETON were appointed to be of the Committee; and Mr. DAVIS having been excused on his own request, Mr. AUSTIN was appointed in his place.

Mr. FELT, from the First Section, communicated a printed Order of the Council of Massachusetts, 1678, authorizing contributions to be taken up in the churches to defray the expenses of bringing captives from Canada, taken at the assault on Hatfield, Sept. 19, 1677, and containing the amount of contributions of the several churches.

Voted, To refer this paper to the Publishing Committee of Vol. II., third series.†

Mr. AMES, from the First Section, gave notice of his preparing for the Society a copy of the Journal of Colonel William McKendry, late of that part of Stough-

* A memoir of the Rev. Thaddeus Mason Harris, D.D., by Dr. Frothingham, is published in 4 Collections, II. 130-155. — Eds.

† It was not printed in that volume, neither does the Society's Index reveal its place in the Library. — Eds.

ton now Canton, Adjutant of a regiment in the army under the command of General Sullivan which made an expedition into the Genesee country in 1778, 1779.*

Present — The President, Ames, Appleton, Austin, Barry, Blagden, Davis, Ellis, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., Jenks, Livermore, Paige, Robbins, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, White, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Dec. 9, 1852, 12 m. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President being in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Professor C. C. Felton, Luke Lea, Esq., Commissioner for Indian Affairs, the Smithsonian Institute, the Attorney-General of Massachusetts, Hon. John Davis, the New York State Library, Samuel Appleton, Benjamin Stevens, Samuel A. Green, and John M. Galt, Esq., and from Messrs. Ames and Sparks, of this Society.

* On the inside of the cover of this manuscript Mr. Ames has written the following: "All that is now to be found of the journal kept by William McKendry, formerly of Stoughton, now Punkapog Village in Canton, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, while on service in the war of the Revolution. [He was a lieutenant and quartermaster in Brooks's regiment.] This William McKendry was an original member of the Society of the Cincinnati of Massachusetts, as appears by his signature on the roll. He died in Canton in 1798. Copied under the direction and at the charge of Ellis Ames in 1852, and this copy presented by him to the Massachusetts Historical Society." See *Memorials of the Society of the Cincinnati*, p. 396. The journal covers a period from October, 1777, to January, 1780. — Eds.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter of acceptance from James Ricker, Jr., Esq., elected a Corresponding Member at the last meeting; also, a copy from Mr. Ricker of his History of Newtown, Long Island.

Mr. BARRY, from the Committee to whom was referred at the last meeting a communication from the Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries at Copenhagen, made a detailed report in writing, concluding with the recommendation of the passage of the following vote, viz. : —

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary express to the Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries, at Copenhagen, in behalf of the Massachusetts Historical Society, the thanks of this Society for their communication by Professor Charles C. Rafn, their Secretary, dated July 29, 1852, together with the accompanying sketch by Professor Rafn of the early discoveries in America made by the Northmen in the tenth and eleventh centuries, and also the programme of the intended publications by the Society of Northern Antiquaries; and that this Society will be happy to avail themselves of such modes within their power of giving publicity to those documents, and otherwise of aiding and encouraging the designs of that Society, as shall accord with the wishes expressed in their communication, and shall best promote the general advancement of historical inquiry for which both societies labor in common.

Whereupon,

Voted, That the Society accept the foregoing report and pass the proposed vote.*

* The following is the report, signed by William Barry and William Jenks : —

"The Committee to whom was referred a letter from the Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries at Copenhagen to the Secretary of this Society, together with certain printed papers accompanying the same, beg leave to submit, as the result of their deliberations, the following report : —

"The subject-matters of the above communications are twofold. First, the attention of this Society is asked to the imperfect manner in which the alleged

Mr. ROBBINS, from the Committee appointed at the last meeting "to draft a series of resolutions appropriate to the memory of our late deceased associate, the

discovery of the North American Continent by the Scandinavians in the tenth century has been presented in American historical works intended for schools. Allusion is made to a publication of this character forwarded, as the letter states, 'by one of the American Historical Societies to the Society of Northern Antiquaries'; but the name of the publication not being given, the committee have not the means of identifying it. The work referred to is alleged to 'contain sundry inaccuracies and material errors,' owing, as is supposed, 'to the author's want of acquaintance with the large work entitled "*Antiquitates Americanae*," published by that Society.

"Professor Rafn, the learned author of this last-named work, has, accordingly, prepared a succinct account of that event, based upon his large work, the accuracy of whose geographical theories, he states, is supported by the authority of Alexander Humboldt and other inquirers.

"The Society of Northern Antiquaries, in submitting that sketch to this Society, request its insertion in our journal, or in any other publication, 'where it may find a suitable place, and serve to diffuse the knowledge of this historical fact.'

"The Committee, having examined the sketch by Professor Rafn, find it worthy of commendation for its brevity and the probable accuracy of its historical statements; and being on the whole rendered in good English, it would, in their estimation, be valuable to the American public, as presenting in a concise and lucid form the leading incidents connected with the supposed discovery.

"It should be added, however, that the sketch assumes the identity of the geographical localities visited by the Northmen as beyond question. This, in the judgment of the Committee would suggest a serious objection to any mode of publication by this Society which would carry with it the sanction of its authority. While they deem the subject one of sufficient interest to justify historical inquiry, which they very earnestly recommend, they cannot, in the present state of our knowledge and the almost entire absence of all modern verifications, either in existing or historical monuments, of an unquestionable character, consider the conclusions of the learned editor of the '*Antiquitates Americanae*,' though entitled to high respect, as fully established upon an historical basis.

"The Committee accordingly recommend that the printed sketch by Professor Rafn be placed in the hands of the Committee of Publication of this Society, to be included, if they judge proper, in the next volume to be printed by this Society; or, if its earlier publication be thought expedient, that they otherwise give it to the public in such form and by such channel as they shall approve.

"The other subject embraced in the communication from the Society of Northern Antiquaries, relates to their projected publications, in which they ask

Hon. Daniel Webster, and to report if any and what steps should be taken by the Society in consequence of his death," made the following report, viz. :—

Whereas, in the course of Divine Providence, the spirit of Daniel Webster has returned to God, and the places of public honor and private friendship which knew him on earth shall know him no more for ever, —

Resolved, That the members of the Massachusetts Historical Society, while, in common with the whole American people, they mourn his loss as an illustrious statesman, an ardent patriot, a wise counsellor, an eloquent orator, the ablest defender of the Constitution, and a great man, are desirous also, as a society, to express and record their

the encouragement and aid of the Historical Societies and Directors of the Public Libraries in this country.

"Rich in historical materials,—the Arna-Magnæan collection alone containing near two thousand volumes of Northern manuscripts, not a few of which embrace matter of much interest connected with British and Irish history, as the result of the frequent intercourse between the Scandinavians of the North and the British Isles,—that Society solicit the generous assistance of Britain and America in order to render available to the world the valuable deposit in their possession. During the existence of their Society, for twenty-five years, they have published eighty volumes. They now propose, in particular, the publication of a new critical edition of the Orkneyinga Saga, the ancient Icelandic text to be accompanied by an English translation, with explanatory dissertations and elucidations of the antiquities of Scotland. To promote this end, they have instituted a new branch of their Society to be entitled 'the British and Irish Section,' besides providing for a class of individual *Participants* or *Associates*, as they are termed, and also for a class to be called *Founders*. The payment of one guinea annually constitutes an Associate or Fellow, or of twenty-eight Spanish dollars a permanent Fellow. The payment of fifty-six Spanish dollars constitutes a permanent Founder. Subscribers are entitled to the publications of the Society, including the proposed reprint of the Saga of the Orkneys, besides the customary diplomas.

"The Society simply ask our aid in giving a more extended circulation to their printed programme, and otherwise promoting their objects as may be in our power.

"The Committee therefore recommend that the programme of that Society be placed in the hands of the Committee of Publication, to be disposed of as they shall judge most favorable to the wishes of the Society of Northern Antiquaries.

"The Committee, in conclusion, recommend for consideration by the Society the following vote."

The vote in the text, p. 504, then follows. — Eds.

tribute of respect to the high services and renowned name of an honored associate, whose matchless powers, devoted to his country, have performed such works as enrich a nation's annals and make its history glorious.

Your Committee would recommend that Mr. George Ticknor be appointed to prepare a memoir of Mr. Webster for the Society's publications.

Whereupon,

Voted, To accept the report, and that Mr. Ticknor be requested to prepare a memoir of Mr. Webster for the Society's Collections.*

Also, *voted*, That a copy of these proceedings be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

Also, *voted*, To publish the foregoing proceedings in the daily journals.

No communications were received from the members of the Second Section.

Voted, That the Recording Secretary furnish, at the next meeting of the Society, in January, a list of all those deceased members of the Society of whom no memoirs have been prepared for the Society's Collections.

Present—The President, Appleton, Austin, Barry, Davis, Ellis, Felt, N. L. Frothingham, R. Frothingham, Jr., Jenks, Lincoln, Livermore, Paige, Palfrey, Robbins, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Ticknor, White, Willard, and Young. Mr. Palfrey was present for a few minutes only during the reading of part of the report of the

* Large collections for a Life of Mr. Webster were made by Mr. Ticknor, which were afterward placed in the hands of Mr. Everett. On the death of Mr. Everett, they were transferred to Mr. George T. Curtis, who had been named in Mr. Webster's will as one of his literary executors, and who published in 1870 a Life of Daniel Webster, in two volumes. In accordance with the plans of the Committee charged with publishing the early proceedings of the Society, it has been thought proper that some notice of Mr. Webster should be included in this volume. A brief notice, prepared by Mr. Winthrop, the President of the Society, will be found on pp. 529-531. — *Ens.*

Committee on the communication of the Royal Society
of Northern Antiquaries.

MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1853.

Thursday, Jan. 13, 1853, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the New Jersey Historical Society, Messrs. James S. Loring, Joseph Ballard, Benjamin Loring, B. J. Lossing, S. G. Drake, John S. Pulsifer, Dr. Ebenezer Alden, Miss F. M. Caulkins, Hon. John Davis, the Mayor of Boston, two donors (names unknown), and from Messrs. Adams, Ames, Lunt, Lowell, Shurtleff, Wheatland, and Winthrop, of the Society.

Dr. YOUNG, from the Committee on the revision of the By-Laws appointed at the October meeting, 1851, and who reported in part at March meeting, 1852, made a final report of the proposed By-Laws. Whereupon,

Voted, To lay the same upon the table, and that the Publishing Committee be directed to cause fifty copies of the proposed By-Laws to be printed for the use of the members of the Society.

Also, *voted*, That the Recording Secretary, insert in the notices for the next meeting a notice that the subject of the proposed By-Laws will be then taken up for discussion.*

The Recording Secretary, who was directed at the last meeting to furnish a list of all those deceased mem-

* Copies of the proposed By-Laws were accordingly printed, and in some instances sent out to the members with the notices of the next meeting. — *Eds.*

bers of whom no memoirs have been prepared for the Society's Collections, made a full report upon the whole subject. Whereupon,

Voted, To refer the report to the Publishing Committee of Vol. II., fourth decade.*

* This report of Secretary Willard, of some thirteen pages in length, was not printed, and is on the Recording Secretary's file. It refers to the early acknowledged obligation of the Society, in Vol. VI. p. iii of the Collections, "to preserve some memorial of their associates as they descend to the grave," and also to the report of a committee, consisting of Messrs. Quincy, Savage, and Lowell, on the same subject, adopted at the April meeting, 1836, in which the same obligation is acknowledged.

"With regard to Corresponding Members," says Mr. Willard, "and also to those Resident Members who have resigned their place in the Society during lifetime, it has not been the practice, and perhaps may not come within the duty confessed to be of binding obligation, to take notice of their decease. Still, in a few instances this has been done or purposed." He then proceeds to mention such instances.

First, as to Corresponding Members. In the case of Ebenezer Hazard, Judge Davis was appointed, at the October meeting in 1817, to prepare a memoir. In that of Professor Ebeling, the Rev. Dr. Holmes was appointed at the January meeting in 1823 to prepare a memoir. But in neither instance was the duty performed. In the case of James Grahame, President Quincy was appointed in 1842, and performed the duty. The Rev. Andrew Eliot of Fairfield, Connecticut, was noticed by his brother, the Rev. John Eliot, in Vol. X. of the Collections; and a notice of Professor Ebenezer Grant Marsh was printed in Vol. IX. of the Collections, being an extract from a funeral discourse of Dr. Dana. In these last two instances the writers were not appointed by the Society. Mr. Willard also placed James Perkins, Esq., in the list of Corresponding Members, not having been aware that his name had been transferred to the Resident List. His memoir was assigned in January, 1823, to William Tudor, Jr., but was not written.

Of Resident Members who had resigned and since died, the report mentions the instance of Rev. Dr. Allyn whose memoir was written by Dr. Francis, and that of Rev. Dr. Kirkland whose memoir was assigned to Dr. Young, but was never furnished. The Rev. Dr. Bentley is also mentioned as having resigned his membership, while a memoir of him was directed to be procured by the Publishing Committee. He was a member at the time of his death.

The report refers to the two votes adopted at the April meeting in 1836 (see pp. 38 and 39 of this volume), providing for the preparation of suitable memoirs of deceased members; and points out that the same gentlemen who drew the report submitted at that meeting, and who were appointed with instructions to report at the next meeting their selection of a committee to cause memoirs to be written of members then deceased, did not report as

The President communicated a letter from Hon. Edward Everett, Secretary of State of the United States, containing the information that on his suggestion the President of the United States has directed him to return to the Society the maps and charts loaned by the Society to the United States North-East Boundary Commission, and requesting a list of the maps and charts retained in the Department, in order that he may forward the same.

This letter having been read, together with the Recording Secretary's abstract of the Society's various votes upon the subject, —

Voted, That the Recording Secretary be directed to communicate to the Secretary of State of the United States all such facts as he may be able to gather relating to the property of the Society loaned to the United States North-Eastern Boundary Commission.

No communications were received from the members of the Third Section.

Mr. LIVERMORE read a series of remarks pointing out sundry errors in the fifth volume of Mr. Bancroft's

instructed, and in fact never acted, and that "the Nominating Committee, therefore, still stand charged with that duty." That under the second resolution, providing for memoirs of members who may hereafter decess, the Committee of Publication, who were charged with that duty, had but partially performed it. The report concludes with a full list of the deceased Resident Members of whom no memoirs had been prepared, giving the names of those to whom memoirs had been assigned, and citing the instances where no appointment had been made. The writer finds "that, including the Rev. Drs. Bentley and Kirkland, the tribute of respect remains due to thirty-eight of our number, according to the obligation of our Society expressed at the earliest instance of the death of a Resident Member, and renewed and confirmed by the vote of April, 1836."

Mr. Willard, as has already been noticed, erroneously regarded Dr. Bentley, of whom a memoir was voted by the Society, as having resigned.

The first and second volumes of these Proceedings now contain memoirs of all deceased Resident Members to March, 1855, which were wanting to supply the deficiency so long regretted. — Eds.

"History of the United States," in relation to the printing of the Bible in this country before the Revolution.

Present — The President, Ames, Austin, Davis, Felt, Livermore, Shurtleff, Willard, Worcester, and Young; and during the meeting, Ellis.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Feb. 10, 1853, 12 m. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Thomas J. Lee, Charles B. Norton, J. McNair, Little & Brown, Dr. Augustus Torrey, Major Graham, United States Army, the American Philosophical Society, Harvard University, the Government of the United States, and from Messrs. Budington, Sibley, Sparks, and Winthrop, of this Society.

The President of the Society communicated a letter, under date Feb. 7, instant, from Messrs. Daniel Ullman, Jos. M. Price, and others, "a committee of citizens of New York," accompanying a present of a medal designed "to commemorate the public services, &c., of the late Mr. Clay," this medal being one of the "one hundred and fifty and no more, struck in bronze from the same dies" with the medal in gold presented to Mr. Clay.

Whereupon, the thanks of the Society were voted for this present, and the Corresponding Secretary was di-

rected to communicate the vote to the gentlemen of the Committee.

The Recording Secretary, who was directed at the last meeting "to communicate to the Secretary of State of the United States all such facts as he may be able to gather relating to the property of the Society loaned to the United States North-Eastern Boundary Commission," made a verbal report of his examination in the premises, and read the copy of a letter, under date of January 25 last, addressed by him to Mr. Secretary Everett, containing the results of that examination. Whereupon,

Ordered, That this copy be placed on file.*

The proposed revision of the By-Laws of the Society, laid upon the table at the last meeting, was then taken up, and read by the President article by article; and, after sundry amendments made therein,

Voted, To accept the proposed By-Laws, as amended, and that the same be and now are adopted as the By-Laws of the Society.

Voted, That five hundred copies of the By-Laws, as adopted this day, together with the Act of incorporation, be printed.†

The Standing Committee nominated Mr. Samuel Eliot, of Brookline, for Resident Member, *vice* Hon. Daniel Webster, deceased.

Voted, That the Committee for publishing Vol. II., fourth series, be requested to make a statement at the next meeting of the Society of the progress they have made in preparing for the publication.

* Secretary Willard's letter to Mr. Everett is on file, but it seems unnecessary to print it here, as the result of his examination is given in the records of the March meeting. — EDS.

† They were accordingly printed in a pamphlet of twelve pages, and also included in 4 Collections, II. — EDS.

Present—The President, Adams, Ames, Appleton, Blagden, Barry, Chandler, Davis, Deane, Ellis, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., F. C. Gray, J. C. Gray, Hillard, Hoar, Jenks, Livermore, Paige, Quincy, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Ticknor, Wheatland, White, Willard, Winthrop, Worcester, and Young.

BY-LAWS.

CHAPTER I.

OF MEMBERS.

ARTICLE 1. — The Regular, or Resident, Members of the Society shall be elected from among the citizens of this Commonwealth, and shall cease to be members whenever they cease to be citizens; the Honorary, or Corresponding Members, shall be elected from among those persons who are not citizens of this Commonwealth, and shall cease to be members if at any time they become citizens.

ARTICLE 2. — A book shall be kept by the Recording Secretary, in which any Resident Member of the Society may at any monthly meeting enter the name of any person whom he may regard as suitable to be elected a Resident Member; it being understood that each member is bound in honor not to make known abroad the name of any person so proposed, while the person proposed may continue to be a candidate. But no nomination of a Resident Member shall be made except by a report of the Standing Committee, and no nomination thus made shall be acted upon at the same meeting to which it is reported.

ARTICLE 3. — Nominations of Corresponding Members may be made by any member of the Society, and shall be entered in the record of the meeting at which each may be made; but

no member shall nominate more than one candidate at one and the same meeting, and no candidate shall be voted for at the same meeting at which he may have been nominated.

ARTICLE 4. — All members shall be elected by ballot, and, in balloting for members, the law and custom of our forefathers shall be observed, by taking the question with Indian corn and beans, — the corn expressing *yeas*, and the beans, *nays*; but no person shall be deemed chosen, unless there be nine members present at the election, nor unless two thirds of all the members present shall have voted affirmatively.

ARTICLE 5. — Each Resident Member shall pay eight dollars at the time of his admission, and three dollars annually afterwards, into the Treasury of the Society, for its general purposes; but any member shall be exempted from the annual payment if, at any time after six months from his admission, he shall pay into the Treasury thirty dollars in addition to what he may before have paid.

ARTICLE 6. — If any person elected as a Resident Member shall neglect, for one year after being notified of his election, to pay his admission fee, his election shall be void; and if any Resident Member shall neglect to pay his annual assessment for three years after it shall have become due, and have been demanded, he shall cease to be a member. Each person who shall be elected a member shall, when notified of it, be furnished by the Corresponding Secretary with an attested copy of this Article and the preceding one, and the Treasurer shall, as cases may occur, report to the Society those persons who have neglected to pay their admission fee or their annual assessments, as above required.

ARTICLE 7. — Diplomas signed by the President and countersigned by the two Secretaries shall be issued to all persons who have become members of the Society.

CHAPTER II.

OF MEETINGS.

ARTICLE 1. — There shall be a Regular Meeting of the Society at noon on the second Thursday of every month, at their rooms in Boston ; and Special Meetings shall be called by either of the Secretaries, whenever requested so to do by the President, or, in case of his absence or inability, then by the Standing Committee, or by any five members of the Society.

ARTICLE 2. — At all meetings, the President shall take the chair in five minutes after the time appointed in the notification, and the record of the preceding meeting shall then be, at once, read ; after which, at all Special Meetings, the special business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted ; and at all Regular Meetings the order of business shall be as follows : —

The Librarian shall make a detailed report of whatever may have been received by him since the last meeting.

The Cabinet-Keeper shall make a similar report.

The Corresponding Secretary shall read any communications he may have received.

The unfinished business, and the assignments of the last meeting, shall be announced by the Recording Secretary to the President, and taken up in their order.

The Standing Committee shall be called on to report its doings since the last meeting.

The other subsisting committees that may not have reported shall be called on for reports.

The members who may have any business to propose shall be desired by the President to propose it.

The members generally shall then be invited, so far as time may permit, to make any oral communications on any subject having relation to the objects of the Society ; and, for the

orderly accomplishment of this purpose, the Society shall be divided into three sections, as nearly equal in numbers as may be, each of which sections, in regular sequence, shall be notified by the Recording Secretary that the Society, at the next following meeting, will desire to receive from it such communications as are above suggested, and the officer presiding at the next meeting shall call upon each of the members of such section, in his turn, to offer any such communication or propose any such subject, after which the communication so made, or the subject so proposed, may be discussed by the Society generally. Provided, however, that, if the member proposing such subject prefer to do it in writing, the Recording Secretary shall enter it in the Records of the Society, and it may be discussed either at the time when it is proposed, or at any subsequent meeting.

ARTICLE 3. — Five members shall be a quorum for all purposes except the election of members, as hereinbefore provided, and excepting, also, alterations of the By-Laws, which shall not be made unless nine persons are present, nor unless the subject has either been discussed at a previous meeting, or reported on by a committee appointed for the purpose.

ARTICLE 4. — At the request of any two members present, any motion shall be once deferred to a subsequent meeting, for discussion, before it is finally disposed of.

ARTICLE 5. — All committees shall be nominated by the chair, unless otherwise provided for.

CHAPTER III.

OF OFFICERS.

THE Officers of the Society shall be a President, who shall be, *ex officio*, Chairman of the Standing Committee; a Recording Secretary; a Corresponding Secretary; a Treasurer; a Librarian; a Cabinet-Keeper; and a Standing Committee of

five ; — all of whom shall be chosen by ballot at the Monthly Meeting in April, and shall hold their respective offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen in their stead. But, at the regular Monthly Meeting preceding any election of officers, a Nominating Committee, consisting of three persons, shall be appointed by the chair, who shall report to the meeting at which the election is to be made a list of members for the places to be filled ; — no person being deemed eligible to more than one of the regular offices of the Society at the same time, and no more than three of the Standing Committee being deemed re-eligible.

CHAPTER IV.

OF THE PRESIDENT.

THE President shall preside in all meetings of the Society when present, and, when absent, a President *pro tempore* shall be chosen by hand vote.

CHAPTER V.

OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

ARTICLE 1. — The Recording Secretary, or, in case of his death or absence, the Corresponding Secretary, shall warn all meetings of the Society, by sending, through the post-office, notices of each meeting, at least four days beforehand, to all members living in Boston or in its neighborhood, and to such other members as may specially request him so to do.

ARTICLE 2. — He shall keep an exact record of all the meetings of the Society, with the names of the members present ; entering in full all reports of committees that may be accepted by the Society, unless otherwise specially directed.

CHAPTER VI.

OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

ARTICLE 1. — The Corresponding Secretary shall inform all persons of their election as members of the Society, sending notice of the terms of their election to those chosen to be Resident Members, and issuing afterwards the proper diplomas.

ARTICLE 2. — He shall carry on all the correspondence of the Society not otherwise provided for, and deposit copies of the letters sent and the original letters received, in regular files, in the Library.

CHAPTER VII.

OF THE TREASURER.

ARTICLE 1. — The Treasurer shall collect all moneys due to the Society, and shall keep regular and faithful accounts of all the moneys and funds of the Society that may come into his hands, and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, which accounts shall always be open to the inspection of the members; and, at the Regular Meeting in April, he shall make a written report of all his doings for the year preceding, and of the amount and condition of all the property of the Society intrusted to him.

ARTICLE 2. — He shall pay no moneys, except on vote of the Society, or on voucher of an officer or committee acting conformably to its laws or orders.

CHAPTER VIII.

OF THE LIBRARIAN, AND OF THE LIBRARY.

ARTICLE 1. — The Librarian shall have charge of all the books, tracts, maps, manuscripts, and other property of the

Society appropriate to a library, and shall make and keep exact and perfect catalogues of each and all of them, doing whatever may be in his power, at all times, to preserve and increase the collections under his care.

ARTICLE 2. — He shall acknowledge each donation that may be made to the Library, by a letter addressed to the person making it.

ARTICLE 3. — He shall at every Monthly Meeting of the Society report all donations made to the Library since the last Monthly Meeting, with the names of the donors.

ARTICLE 4. — He shall keep a regular and exact account of all books taken out, with the names of the persons who take them, and the dates when they are borrowed and returned.

ARTICLE 5. — He shall be present in the Library, in person or by a substitute approved by the Standing Committee, at the regular hours appointed for keeping it open, and shall endeavor to render it useful to all who may resort to it.

ARTICLE 6. — Any member of the Society may take from the Library three printed volumes at a time, and keep each of them four weeks, with a right to renew the loan for four weeks more, unless some other member has, in that interval, asked for it in writing; but, if he retains it beyond this second period, he must first obtain the written assent of a member of the Standing Committee, permitting him to do so, or he shall be fined ten cents a week for each volume so retained.

ARTICLE 7. — At the written request of any member of this Society, the Librarian shall permit any person to visit and use the Library, at such times as the Librarian may be in attendance; such member becoming thereby responsible for any injury to the property of the Society that may result from such introduction of a stranger.

ARTICLE 8. — At the written request of any member of the Society, the Librarian shall deliver to any one person indi-

cated in such request, but to no more than one person at the same time, any book or books belonging to the Society, which the member himself could take out; such member, by such request, making himself responsible that all the rules relating to the book or books so taken out shall be as fully observed by the person authorized to receive them, as if he were a member; and that any injury accruing to the property of the Society, in consequence of the privilege thus granted, shall be made good by the member at whose request the grant is made.

ARTICLE 9. — At the meetings in April, July, October, and January, the Librarian shall lay before the Society a list of the names of those persons, not members, who during the preceding three months, respectively, may have had access to the Library, by permission of individual members of the Society, with the names of the members at whose request the privilege was granted, adding a statement of each injury that may have been sustained by the property of the Society, in consequence of granting such permission, and the name of the member bound to make it good.

ARTICLE 10. — The Publishing Committee, for the time being, shall be permitted to take such books and manuscripts from the Library as they may need in order properly to perform the duty assigned to them by the Society; but the Librarian shall make an especial entry or record of whatever is so taken, and, as soon as the volume they may have in charge is published, he shall demand and obtain from said Committee whatever they may have so received.

ARTICLE 11. — All manuscripts of the Society shall be kept under lock and key, and be consulted or used only in presence of the Librarian, who alone shall keep the keys.

ARTICLE 12. — Persons not members of the Society, but engaged in historical pursuits, shall be allowed to consult the manuscripts belonging to the Society, provided an application in writing, stating the object or objects of the inquiry, be first

made to the Librarian, and approved by a member of the Standing Committee, who shall make record of the same.

ARTICLE 13. — No manuscript and no part of a manuscript belonging to the Society shall be copied, except on permission granted by vote of the Society, after an application in writing specifying the manuscript or part thereof desired to be copied, and if any manuscript belonging to the Society shall, in consequence of such permission, be published, in whole, or in part, the fact that it was obtained from the Society shall be stated in its publication. But nothing herein required shall be construed to prevent the publication of names, dates, and other chronological memoranda, without special permission obtained as above required.

ARTICLE 14. — Manuscripts of a confidential nature shall be retained in a place of special deposit, and shall be consulted only under such regulations as may be prescribed in each case by vote of the Society.

ARTICLE 15. — No maps, newspapers, or books, either of great rarity or of constant reference, shall be taken from the Library, except by vote of the Society.

ARTICLE 16. — All members taking books from the Library shall be answerable for any injury done to the same, to such amount as may be deemed just by the Standing Committee, and any person neglecting to pay any fines, or assessments for damages, one month after he shall have received notice of the same from the Librarian, or otherwise abusing his privilege to the injury of the Library, shall, by order of the Standing Committee, be interdicted from access to the same.

ARTICLE 17. — All tracts, books, maps, and manuscripts, belonging to the Society, shall be distinctly marked as its property; and any such tract, book, &c., that may be presented to the Society shall be marked with the name of the donor, and recorded as his gift.

ARTICLE 18. — The Library shall be open on all week-days, from nine to one o'clock in the forenoon throughout the year,

and from three to five in the afternoon in winter, and from three to seven in the afternoon in summer, except during the fortnight before the Annual Meeting in April, when it shall be closed for examination; and all books that may be lent are hereby required to be returned previous to that fortnight, under penalty of a fine of one dollar for each volume not so returned.

CHAPTER IX.

OF THE CABINET-KEEPER AND THE MUSEUM.

ARTICLE 1. — The Cabinet-Keeper shall have charge of all coins, works of art, remains of antiquity, and other articles appropriate to the Society's Museum, and shall make and keep perfect and exact catalogues of the same.

ARTICLE 2. — He shall acknowledge each donation he may receive, by letter, to the person making it, and at every Monthly Meeting of the Society he shall report whatever may have been added to the collection of which he has charge, with the names of the donors.

CHAPTER X.

OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

ARTICLE 1. — The Standing Committee, as vacancies may occur in the Society by death or otherwise, shall report nominations for Resident Members to fill the same.

ARTICLE 2. — They shall pay the current expenses of the Society, drawing on the Treasurer, from time to time, for such sums as may be necessary for that purpose.

ARTICLE 3. — They shall annually, in the month of April, make a careful examination of the Library and Museum of the Society, comparing the books, manuscripts, and other articles in each with their catalogues, respectively, and

reporting at the April meeting, in detail, concerning their condition.

ARTICLE 4. — They shall record in full, in a book kept by them for the purpose, any permission granted by any one of their number for the consultation of the manuscripts of the Society, by persons not members.

ARTICLE 5. — They shall meet in the Society's rooms half an hour previous to every Regular Meeting, for the fulfilment of their appropriate duties, and for the purpose of facilitating the transaction of such business as is likely to come before the Society.

ARTICLE 6. — They shall, at every meeting, report to the Society all their doings since the last meeting, suggesting at the same time such business as they may deem advisable to bring before it.

CHAPTER XI.

OF THE PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

IMMEDIATELY after the publication of any volume of the Collections of the Society, a committee of not less than three persons shall be appointed by nomination from the chair, whose duty it shall be to prepare and publish another volume, for which purpose free use is granted to them of all the manuscripts, printed books, and other resources of the Society, except the manuscripts deposited as confidential; said committee being required hereby to return whatever they may have thus received, so soon as their use of the same for the purposes of such publication shall have ceased.

CHAPTER XII.

OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

At the Monthly Meeting in March, annually, a committee shall be appointed by nomination from the chair, consisting

of not less than two persons, whose duty it shall be to examine the Treasurer's accounts for the year preceding, and at the Monthly Meeting in April to report thereon, and on the state of any property of the Society in his hands.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, March 10, 1853, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President being in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Rev. Louis Dwight, the Town of Danvers, Messrs. George C. Rand, Benjamin Guild, T. N. Fitch, Artemas Simonds, Dr. E. C. Rogers, the United States Navy Department, and from Dr. Shurtleff, of this Society.

The Recording Secretary reported that he had received, from the Department of State at Washington, Bowen's Map of North America, London, in two parts, being maps Nos. 5 and 6 taken from Jeffrey's Atlas, and loaned to the United States North-Eastern Boundary Commission, November, 1828; and gave the following, supposed by him to be a correct list of the maps loaned to the Commission in 1828, after such investigation as he had been able to make, viz.: —

Faden's British Colonies in North America; 1777. (Returned December, 1841.)

D. F. Sottzman's Map of Maine; Hamburgh, 1798. (Never returned.)

S. Dunn's British Empire in North America; London,

1772. Supposed to be Map No. 8 in Jeffrey's Atlas. (Never returned.)

D'Anville's North America, improved, with English Surveys; London, 1774. Being Map No. 7 in Jeffrey's Atlas. (Returned June, 1852.)

E. Bowen's Map of North America; London, 1775 or 1777. Jeffrey's Nos. 5 and 6. (Returned March, 1853.)

The Province of Quebec, according to the Royal Proclamation of the 7th of October, 1763, from the French Surveys, connected with those made after the war by Captain Carver and other officers in His Majesty's service. No. 18 in Jeffrey's Atlas. (Never returned.)

He further reported that there is no reason to suppose that any of the Society's books were received by the Commission.

Voted, That the Cabinet-Keeper be directed to furnish a copy of Mr. Trumbull's letter to Rev. Dr. Belknap, in 1794 (offering the manuscripts of his father, the elder Governor Trumbull, to the Society), to the Publishing Committee of Vol. II., fourth series.

Mr. SAMUEL ELIOT, of Brookline, was elected a Resident Member, *vice* Hon. Daniel Webster, deceased, — Messrs. DEANE and AMES, Scrutinizing Committee.

Messrs. SHATTUCK and LIVERMORE were appointed a committee on the Treasurer's accounts, to report at the next meeting.

Messrs. TICKNOR, APPLETON, and BUDINGTON were appointed a Nominating Committee, under Chap. III., to report at the next meeting a list of members for officers of the Society for the ensuing year.

Present — The President, Ames, Appleton, Austin, Budington, Davis, Deane, Felt, Francis, J. C. Gray, Jenks, Livermore, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Ticknor,

White, Willard, and Young, at the beginning of the meeting; came in during the meeting, Ellis, N. L. Frothingham, Paige, and Winthrop.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1853.

Thursday, April 14, 1853, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Rhode Island and the New Jersey Historical Societies, the United States Commissioner for Patents, City Government of Boston, Rev. E. B. Willson, Messrs. J. P. Preston, William H. Allen, J. H. Hickox, Mr. Barry, of Hanover, Mr. S. G. Drake, Dr. W. T. G. Morton, from several persons unknown, and from Messrs. Lowell and White, of this Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Mr. Samuel Eliot, accepting his election as a Resident Member of the Society.

The President communicated a letter from Mr. Caloran O'Brien in relation to his services towards a catalogue of the Library.

Voted, To refer the same to the Librarian and Messrs. Shurtleff and Livermore, the Committee appointed at December meeting, 1851, upon the catalogue, to make such compensation as they think proper.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to examine the Treasurer's accounts for the last year, and

make report at the present meeting, made the following report, viz. : —

The undersigned, a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society appointed to examine the accounts of Richard Frothingham, Jr., Treasurer of the Society, have attended to that duty, and report that the accounts are properly vouched and correctly cast, and that there appears to have been a balance on hand, —

Of the last general account	\$168.25	
Received during the year on general account	337.00	
	<u> </u>	\$505.25
A balance on hand of last book account	87.31	
Received during the year on book account	314.11	
	<u> </u>	401.42
Making total received during the year of		906.67
There has been paid during the year		605.54
		<u> </u>
		\$301.13

Leaving a net balance due the Society of three hundred and one dollars and thirteen cents.*

LEMUEL SHATTUCK,
GEORGE LIVERMORE.

Boston, April 14, 1853.

Mr. TICKNOR, from the Nominating Committee, under Chap. III., appointed at the last meeting to report a list of members for officers of the Society for the ensuing year, made the following report, viz. : —

* The receipts included in the Treasurer's annual statement were \$738.42, of which sum \$337 were for admission fees and assessments during the year, and \$401.42 for sales of books from March, 1851, to April 8, 1853. The payments amounted to \$605.54. Of this sum, \$284.62 were for printing Vol. I. of the fourth series of the Collections; \$43.20 for taxes; \$72 to Mr. Felt for services as Librarian during part of the year; \$29 to Rev. John A. Vinton for care of Library; and \$176.72 for miscellaneous expenses, including purchase of books.
— Ede.

JAMES SAVAGE	for PRESIDENT.
JOSEPH WILLARD	„ RECORDING SECRETARY.
ALEXANDER YOUNG	„ CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JOSEPH B. FELT	„ LIBRARIAN.
RICHARD FROTHINGHAM, JR.	„ TREASURER.
ISAAC P. DAVIS	„ CABINET-KEEPER.
GEORGE LIVERMORE	} . . . „ STANDING COMMITTEE.
NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF	
CHARLES DEANE	
ROBERT C. WINTHROP	
GEORGE W. BLADGEN	

Mr. ROBBINS was appointed to collect, assort, and count the votes for officers for the ensuing year, who made report that the whole number of votes was fifteen, and that each of the foregoing gentlemen had that number of votes. Whereupon, they were declared to be duly chosen.

Voted, That the Catalogue Committee of December, 1851, be authorized to employ any other person than Mr. O'Brien to make a catalogue of the Society's Library.

Also, *voted*, That the same Committee be recommended to apply a part of the sum appropriated for the catalogue to supply the most urgent deficiencies in the Library.

Voted, That the President, according to his request, be allowed to take from the Library the third volume of Gov. Winthrop's manuscript "History of New England," to hold until the next meeting of the Society.

Mr. SHATTUCK, from the Third Section, communicated a manuscript Journal kept by the late Deacon William Parkman, of Concord, Massachusetts, while a soldier in the Provincial service in 1758, in the French war.

Voted, To refer the same to the Publishing Committee of Vol. II., fourth series.*

* See Proceedings for November, 1879. — Eds.

The Librarian reported a list of persons not members of the Society who have had the use of the Library during the last three months.

Present — The President, Deane, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., Hoar, Jenks, Livermore, Robbins, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Ticknor, Willard, and Young, at the opening of the meeting; came in during the meeting, Adams and Paige.

JOSEPH WILLARD,
Recording Secretary.

[Only one Resident Member died the last year, — the Hon. Daniel Webster, of whom the following notice has been prepared. — Eds.]

Notice of Daniel Webster.

Daniel Webster was elected a Resident Member of this Society on the 27th of August, 1821. His life and character are abundantly portrayed in his own published works, in the biographies which are found in all our libraries, and in the records of Congress and of the Courts during almost the whole period of his mature life.

We confine ourselves here, therefore, to a statement of the sources from which an account of this great orator, jurist, and statesman may be readily derived: —

Speeches and Forensic Arguments by Daniel Webster, in three volumes, — the first two published originally in 1835, and the third in 1843.

The Works of Daniel Webster, edited by Edward Everett, with a Biography prefixed, and published by Little, Brown, & Co., in six volumes, in 1857.

Daniel Webster and his Contemporaries, by Charles W. March, 1850.

Private Life of Daniel Webster, by Charles Lanman, 1853.

The Private Correspondence of Daniel Webster, in two volumes, edited by Fletcher Webster, and published by Little, Brown, & Co., in 1857.

The Life of Daniel Webster, by George Ticknor Curtis, published by D. Appleton & Co., New York, in two volumes, in 1870.

Reminiscences of Daniel Webster, by Peter Harvey, published by Little, Brown, & Co., in 1877, with an Appendix, containing the Proceedings and Addresses at the Dedication of the Burnham Statue, in the Central Park at New York.

Webster's Great Speeches and Orations, with an Essay on Daniel Webster as a Master of English Style, by Edwin P. Whipple, published by Little, Brown, & Co., 1879.

To these may be added the Eulogy at Dartmouth College by Rufus Choate, and that at Bowdoin College by President Woods, and a great number of other eulogies and sermons delivered at the time of his death; and particularly the Memorial published, at that time, by the city of Boston, which included the eulogy of George S. Hillard, and all the various tributes of public institutions and literary societies.

Among these tributes are the Resolutions passed by this Society, as follows:—

“ November Meeting, 1852.

“ Voted, That Messrs. Robbins, Appleton, and Austin, be a Committee to draft a series of Resolutions appropriate to the memory of our late deceased associate, the Hon. Daniel Webster; and to report if any and what steps should be taken by the Society in consequence of his death.

“ Copy of record: JOSEPH WILLARD, *Recording Secretary.*

“ The Committee, appointed as above, reported, at the regular meeting in December, the following preamble, resolution, and recommendation, which were unanimously adopted:—

“ Whereas, in the course of Divine Providence, the spirit of Daniel Webster has returned to God, and the places of public honor and private friendship which knew him on earth shall know him no more for ever;

“ Resolved, That the members of the Massachusetts Historical Society, while, in common with the whole American people, they mourn his loss as an illustrious statesman, an ardent patriot, a wise counselor, an eloquent orator, the ablest defender of the Constitution, and a great man, are desirous also, as a Society, to express and record their tribute of respect to the high services and renowned name of an honored associate, whose matchless powers, devoted to his country, have

performed such works as enrich a nation's annals, and make its history glorious.

"Your Committee would further recommend, that Mr. George Ticknor be appointed to prepare a memoir of Mr. Webster for the Society's publications."*

It would be vain to attempt to add any thing, in any brief memoir, to the materials thus supplied for the illustration of so powerful a mind and so great a career. The dates which follow will close this notice.

Daniel Webster, born at Salisbury (now Franklin), New Hampshire, Jan. 18, 1782; graduated at Dartmouth, 1801; Representative in Congress from Portsmouth, New Hampshire, 1813; removed to Boston, 1816; argued the celebrated case of Dartmouth College before the Supreme Court of the United States, 1818; delivered his great oration at Plymouth, on the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims, 1820; Representative in Congress from Boston, 1823; Senator in Congress for Massachusetts, 1827; made his great speech against Nullification in the Senate, 1830; Secretary of State of the United States, 1841; negotiated the Ashburton Treaty, 1842; returned to the Senate, 1845; made his memorable appeal for compromise, March 7, 1850; became Secretary of State again in July, 1850; died at Marshfield, Massachusetts, 24 October, 1852.

B. C. W.

* Mr. Ticknor never prepared this memoir, undoubtedly regarding the elaborate biography, by his nephew, Mr. Curtis, as occupying the whole field, upon the same principle on which he afterwards requested our Society to accept his own noble biography of Prescott, in place of the memoir which he had been appointed to prepare for our Proceedings.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, May 12, 1853, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Samuel H. Emery, Matthew A. Stickney, Theophilus R. Marvin, Preston Cummings, Bickford Pulsifer, A. Bragg, and from Messrs. Webb, Sparks, Everett, Wheatland, and Sibley, of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Rev. Dr. Lowell, under date of April 27, 1853, in relation to the Earl of Buchan's box.

Voted, To refer this letter to the Publishing Committee of the next volume.*

* The following is Dr. Lowell's letter, which appears not to have been published by the Society. The "box," mentioned in the letter, which the Earl of Buchan presented to Washington, and which Washington by his will recommended to the earl, was "made of the oak that sheltered the great Sir William Wallace after the battle of Falkirk." See Proceedings, I. 179, 180, note f.

"To ALEXANDER YOUNG, D.D., Corresponding Secretary
of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

"MY DEAR SIR, — In Washington's last will, there is an item referring to a box which had been sent him by the Earl of Buchan, with a request that Washington would bequeath it to the most distinguished of his countrymen who should survive him.

"Washington, with his usual sagacity and discretion, instead of making a discrimination among his countrymen, bequeathed the box to the earl himself, as a person eminently entitled to possess it.

"As every thing connected with Washington is deeply interesting, I send you the following statement respecting the box, with a request that you would read it at a meeting of our Historical Society, to be disposed of by them as they may think proper.

"About fifty years ago, it must have been on the twenty-second of February, 1803, I was present at the Earl of Buchan's in Edinburgh, when the earl, in a set speech, intrusted this box to the care of Dr. Chapman of Philadelphia,

Mr. FELT, from the First Section, made a communication in relation to the ancient mode of voting, under the first charter, by corn and beans, having reference to a By-Law of the Society concerning the mode of voting by the Society in the election of members; also, certain philological queries touching the By-Laws.

Mr. SIBLEY read a letter from Lafayette to Dr. Thacher, of Plymouth, dated Jan. 22, 1824, complimentary of the Doctor's Military Journal; and upon other matters.

Rev. Dr. LOWELL sent to the meeting sundry papers for examination, not as a donation.

Voted, To refer the same to the Publishing Committee of the next volume.

Present — The President, Blagden, Deane, Felt, Jenks, Livermore, Paige, Shurtleff, Sibley, Webb, Willard, Worcester, and Young, at the opening of the meeting; came in during the meeting, R. Frothingham, Jr., Ticknor, White, and Winthrop.

who had been a student of medicine at Edinburgh, and was about leaving Scotland for the United States. He charged Dr. Chapman to take care of it, and place it in the hands of Dr. Benjamin Rush of Philadelphia, to be by him safely kept till the University, which Washington had recommended in his last will should be established, was founded, and then to deposit it in the archives of said University, there to be kept for ever. It was reported soon after Dr. Chapman's return home that the box had been stolen from him, and there is a reference to this circumstance in the second volume of Mr. Richard Rush's Memoranda of a Residence at the Court of London.

"There is no probability, at present, of the establishment of the Central University recommended by Washington, nor is it by any means certain that the box will ever again come to light; but, if the last should ever be the case, the box will belong, not to a private individual or to a private family, but to the nation, to be disposed of by the national legislature as in their discretion they may think best.

"I am, dear Sir, affectionately your friend and brother,

"CHARLES LOWELL.

"ELMWOOD, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.,
April 27, 1853."

Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, June 9, 1853, 12 m. The Society held their stated meeting.

In the absence of the President, Rev. Mr. PAIGE was chosen President *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Rhode Island Historical Society, the American Antiquarian Society, the Boston Mercantile Library Association, the Legislature of Massachusetts, Don Lucas Alaman, Rev. George B. Blenkin (a nephew of the late Thomas Wallcut), Messrs. George Folsom, H. G. Somerby, S. G. Drake, John M. Galt, and from Messrs. Paige and Sparks, of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from the Lancaster Committee of Arrangements, dated May 6 last, inviting the presence of the Society by their delegates at the celebration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of that town, on Wednesday, the 15th of June instant.

Voted, To accept the invitation, and to choose five delegates to attend at the celebration.

MESSRS. SAVAGE, WILLARD, BARTLETT, EVERETT, and SPARKS were chosen as the Delegates.

No communications were received from the members of the Second Section.

Present — Davis, Deane, Felt, Francis, Jenks, Livermore, Paige, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Sparks, Webb, White, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, July 14, 1853, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting.

In the absence of the President, Rev. Dr. YOUNG was chosen President *pro tem.*; and, in the absence of the Recording Secretary, CHARLES DEANE was chosen Recording Secretary *pro tem.*

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Trustees of the New Bedford Library, the Dorchester Antiquarian and Historical Society, the Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Maine Historical Society, the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, the Smithsonian Institute, the Minnesota Historical Society, Hon. John Davis, Professor Packard, E. B. Corwin, Esq., and from Messrs. Ames and Sparks, of this Society.

The Librarian read a letter from the Secretary of the Athenæum of Philadelphia, proposing an exchange of eleven volumes of "Minutes of the Proceedings of the Provincial Council of Pennsylvania, from the Organization of the Proprietary Government to its Termination," for ten volumes, third series, of the Massachusetts Historical Society's Collections.

Voted, To make the proposed exchange, and also to add Vol. VIII., second series, in which, as the Secretary states, the Athenæum Library is deficient.

The Librarian stated that, in consequence of other

engagements, he should not be able to keep the Society's rooms open as heretofore.

And, on motion of Mr. ELLIS, it was

Voted, That the Standing Committee be requested to make all the necessary arrangements for keeping the rooms open.

No communications were received from the members of the Third Section.

Present — Ames, Davis, Deane, Ellis, Felt, Jenks, Livermore, Shattuck, Webb, Wheatland, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Aug. 11, 1853, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting.

In the absence of the President, Mr. PAIGE was chosen President *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Government of the United States, the Regents of the University of New York, Mr. A. D. Jones, Timothy Bigelow, Esq., and from Messrs. Everett and Savage, of this Society.

The Standing Committee, by Mr. Livermore, reported verbally that they have made some efforts to procure a person to take charge of the rooms, as directed at the last meeting, but without final success. They hope by the time for the next meeting to complete their arrangements.

Voted, That the time for the report be extended to the September meeting.

The death of Judge Mitchell, on the first day of August, instant, having been announced,

Voted, That Ellis Ames, Esq., be requested to prepare a memoir of the deceased for the Society's next volume of Collections.*

Also, *voted*, That Mr. Ames be requested to communicate with the family of the deceased in relation to any manuscripts he may have left, and ascertain their disposition to have such manuscripts deposited in the Library of the Society.†

The Librarian announced that he had completed the exchange with the Athenæum at Philadelphia.

The following gentlemen were nominated for Corresponding Members: viz., Dr. Henry Bond, of Philadelphia, by Mr. Paige; Henry Stevens, Esq., now resident in London, by Mr. Livermore; and Cyrus Eaton, Esq., of Warren, Maine, by Mr. Sibley.

No communications were made by the members of the First Section, except that Mr. Ames stated he should have a donation to make to the Society at a future day.

Present — Adams, Ames, Deane, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., Livermore, Paige, Shurtleff, Sibley, White, and Willard.

* The Hon. Nahum Mitchell was elected a member in August, 1818. The memoir of him by Mr. Ames will be found in this volume, on pp. 560, 561. — Eds.

† Mr. Ames says that, agreeably to the vote of the Society, he communicated with the family of Judge Mitchell, and ascertained that he left no manuscripts of any value. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Sept. 8, 1853, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting.

In the absence of the President and the Recording Secretary, Rev. Dr. FRANCIS was chosen President *pro tem.*, and Mr. SIBLEY was chosen Recording Secretary *pro tem.*

The record of the last meeting was then read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Hon. Edward Everett, of the Society, and from Mr. S. G. Drake.

Mr. LIVERMORE, from the Standing Committee, made the following report, which having been read,

Voted, To accept the same, viz:—

Boston, Sept. 8, 1853.

According to the vote of the Society at their monthly meeting in July last, the Standing Committee have endeavored to make proper provisions for having the rooms and the Library opened for the use of members a portion of every day. They could not find any member of the Society who was willing, for the small sum which we are able to pay, to take the office of Librarian and perform the duties required by the By-Laws. Nor is the sum appropriated to that purpose sufficient to pay a deputy who could be trusted to take charge of the rooms and books at such times as the regular Librarian may be absent. To overcome this difficulty, which arises from the straitened circumstances of the Society, the Committee have made arrangements with Mr. James I. Wood, who is engaged in preparing a catalogue of the books, to perform also, for a small additional compensation, the duties of Deputy Librarian

and janitor; and the rooms will accordingly be kept open in future by him, under the general direction of Mr. Felt, during the usual library hours.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE LIVERMORE.

Dr. HENRY BOND, of the city of Philadelphia, HENRY STEVENS, Esq., now resident in London, and CYRUS EATON, Esq., of Warren, Maine, were elected Corresponding Members,—Dr. YOUNG, Scrutinizing Committee.

The Standing Committee nominated His Excellency John H. Clifford for Resident Member, *vice* Hon. Nahum Mitchell, deceased.

Present—Blagden, Felt, Francis, R. Frothingham, Jr., Judd, Livermore, Shurtleff, Sibley, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Oct. 13, 1853, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting,—the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Peter Force, William B. Shedd, S. G. Drake, C. W. Bradley, Jr. (author of the Connecticut Register), James S. Loring, Lewis G. Pray, Nathaniel D. Gould, Cyrus Eaton (Corresponding Member), and from Messrs. Everett, Sibley, Sparks, and Willard, Resident Members of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated letters of acceptance from Dr. Henry Bond and Cyrus Eaton,

Esq., elected Corresponding Members at the September meeting.

His Excellency JOHN H. CLIFFORD, Governor of the Commonwealth, was elected Resident Member, *vice* Hon. Nahum Mitchell, deceased, — Messrs. SHATTUCK and SIBLEY, Scrutinizing Committee.

The President, from the Third Section, communicated the original account rendered to the home government by "John Usher, Esq., Treasurer and Receiver-General of all His Majesty's territory and dominion of New England in America, by the rate of one penny per pound in the several counties, the duty of impost upon all goods and merchandises imported, excise, and other duties, belonging to His Majesty, within the said territory and dominion, &c. January, 1688-9." *

Voted, That the Society will purchase this document, if it can be obtained for a sum not exceeding twenty dollars; and that Mr. Ellis be authorized and empowered to purchase it for the Society, and to draw upon the Treasurer of the Society for the amount of the purchase-money.

The President also communicated from George L. L. Davis, Esq., of Baltimore, a copy of "the engagement" signed by the inhabitants of Kent Island, Maryland, in

* This document is a parchment of about twelve inches wide and eighteen feet long, the accounts on which are clearly and beautifully written. It is headed thus:—

"The Account of John Usher, Esq., Treasurer and Receiver-General of all His Majesty's revenues, arising within His Majesty's territory and dominion of New England in America, by the rate of one penny per pound in the several counties. The duty of impost upon all goods and merchandises imported, excise and other duties belonging to His Majesty, within the said territory and dominion, from the first day of July, 1688, to the first day of January, 1688½."

It is signed by

"JOHN USHER."

At the foot it is attested thus:—

"Examined by me, ED. RANDOLPH, Dep^y Audit^r."

Eds.

the year 1652, and taken from the records of Kent County Court, marked "Court Proceedings, 1647 to 1653." Also, the "Baltimore American" of May 18, 1853, containing "a short historical paper relating to the long-forgotten tribe of Indians upon the Isle of Kent, by George L. L. Davis."

Mr. WILLARD, from the Third Section, read several letters from Thomas Brand Hollis, and one from Rev. Dr. Priestley, to the late President Willard, of Harvard College.

Voted, To refer the communications made by the Third Section to the Publishing Committee of the thirty-second volume.

On motion of Mr. WINTHROP, that the Society have heard with regret of the death of their late associate, Hon. Simon Greenleaf, and that Judge White be requested to prepare a memoir of the deceased for the next volume of the Society's Collections; and Judge White being present, and excusing himself for cause, it was

Voted, That the Society have heard with regret of the death of their late associate, the Hon. Simon Greenleaf;

And, on motion of Mr. ELLIS,

Voted, That Mr. Winthrop be requested to prepare the memoir.*

On motion of Mr. AMES, he stating that "the town of Medway have in their Town-Clerk's office two hundred and seven pages of the Acts and Laws passed

* The Hon. Simon Greenleaf was elected in November, 1837, and died Oct. 6, 1853. Mr. Winthrop did not perform the service assigned to him. A memoir of Professor Greenleaf by Mr. George Dexter will be found in this volume, on pp. 563-568, prepared partly from materials furnished him by Mr. Winthrop and Professor Parsons. — Eds.

by the General Court of Massachusetts, beginning with the first General Court of the Revolution, on July 19, 1775, up to the adoption of the Constitution, and the Society have the residue, viz., the other one hundred and twenty-two pages, by the putting of which together a perfect copy of that scarce collection of statutes may be obtained,"

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary be requested to write to the Selectmen of Medway, asking them to deposit in the Library of the Society for preservation their part of those statutes.

Present — The President, Ames, Felt, Judd, Livermore, Robbins, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Wheatland, Willard, Winthrop, Worcester, and Young; and after the opening of the meeting, Appleton, Deane, Ellis, N. L. Frothingham, Jenks, and White.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Nov. 10, 1853, 12 m. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Government of the United States, and from Messrs. Adams, Sibley, and Young, of the Society.

Mr. WINTHROP communicated a letter from Mr. Henry A. Pierce, of Boston, accompanying a donation of the original patent, on parchment, from the Council in Plymouth, in 1629, to John Beauchampe, of London,

and Thomas Leverett, of Boston, of the lands lying between Muscongus and the Penobscot, for themselves, their heirs, associates, and assigns; also, accompanying this patent, the original records of the "Lincolnshire Company and twenty associates"; and, thereupon,

Voted, To refer the patent and record to the Publishing Committee.*

[Referring to the foot-note on this page, we here print the patent to Beauchamp and Leverett from the Council for New England, dated March 13, 1629 (old style), and signed by Robert Warwicke, with his seal affixed. — Eds.]

"To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting: Know ye that the council established at Plymouth, in the county of Devon, for the planting, ruling, ordering, and governing of New England, in America, for divers good causes and considerations them thereunto especially moving, have given, granted, bargained, sold, enfeoffed, allotted, and set over, and by these presents do clearly and absolutely give, grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, allot, assign, and confirm unto John Beauchampe, of London, Gentleman, and Thomas Leverett,

* Neither of these documents was printed by the Publishing Committee, to whom they were referred. A detail or history of the Beauchamp and Leverett patent (sometimes called the Muscongus or Waldo patent), apparently drawn up near the beginning of this century, was printed in 1854, in 4 Collections, II. 226-229. An abstract of the patent itself, from the Maine Records, was printed in Hazard, II. 304, 305, with some errors. As the patent has never been printed entire, and as the original parchment, signed by Robert Warwicke, with a fragment of his seal affixed, is in possession of the Society, we have given it a place here, modernizing the spelling, except as to names. For further references to this patent, see Williamson's Maine, I. 240; Bradford's Plymouth Plantation, p. 258.

The records of the "Lincolnshire Company and Twenty Associates," a land company based on this Muscongus patent, is comprised in a folio volume of 266 pages, in the beginning of which a copy of the patent is transcribed. — Eds.

of Boston, in the county of Lincoln, Gentleman, their heirs, associates, and assigns, all and singular those lands, tenements, and hereditaments whatsoever, with the appurtenances thereof, in New England aforesaid, which are situate, lying, and being within or between a place there commonly called or known by the name of Muscongus, towards the south or south-west, and a straight line extending from thence directly ten leagues up into the mainland and continent there towards the great sea commonly called the South Sea, and the utmost limits of the space of ten leagues on the north and north-east of a river in New England aforesaid commonly called Penobscot, towards the north and north-east, and the great sea commonly called the Western Ocean, towards the east, and a straight and direct line extending from the most western part and point of the said straight line which extends from Muscongus aforesaid towards the South Sea, to the uttermost northern limits of the said ten leagues on the north side of the said river of Penobscot towards the west; and all lands, grounds, woods, soils, rivers, waters, fishings, hereditaments, profits, commodities, privileges, franchises, and emoluments whatsoever, situate, lying, and being, arising, happening, or renewing, or which shall arise, happen, or renew within the limits and bounds aforesaid, or any of them, together with all islands that lie and be within the space of three miles of the said lands and premises, or any of them. To have and to hold all and singular the said lands, tenements, and hereditaments, and premises whatsoever, with the appurtenances and every part and parcel thereof, unto the said John Beauchampe and Thomas Leverett, their heirs, associates, and assigns for ever; to the only proper and absolute use and behoof of the said John Beauchampe and Thomas Leverett, their heirs, associates, and assigns for evermore: To be holden of the King's most excellent Majesty, his heirs and successors, as of his manor of East Greenwich by fealty only, and not in capite nor by knight's service,

yielding and paying unto his Majesty, his heirs and successors, the fifth part of all such ore of gold and silver as shall be gotten and obtained in or upon the premises, or any part thereof. In witness whereof, the said council established at Plymouth, in the county of Devon, for the planting, ruling, ordering, and governing of New England, in America, have hereunto put their common seal the thirteenth day of March, in the fifth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord, Charles, by the grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c., Anno Domini 1629.

RO: WARWICKE.*

"February 5th, 1719. Received and recorded in the Secretary's office in Boston.

"Att. J. WILLARD, *Secretary*.

"York, Jan^a the 17th, 172 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recorded with the Records for Deeds in the County of York, lib^r X. fol^o 237.

"Per ABRA^m PREBLE, *Reg^r*." †]

* Some ninety years after the date of this patent, Mr. Samuel Waldo became extensively interested in it, and then it took the name of the "Waldo patent." Mr. Waldo, soon afterward, also became interested in a tract of land on the west side of the Muscongus River. By a parchment deed, in possession of the writer of this note, it appears that on the twenty-seventh of March, 1733, James Stilson of New Castle, in the province of New Hampshire, fisherman, for the sum of £200 paid him by Samuel Waldo, conveyed to the latter "one full moiety or half part of all that certain tract or parcel of land situate, lying, and being on Muscongus River, near Pemaquid in the county of York, being in the Broad Bay so-called, beginning at a pine-tree marked in the westernmost branch of the bay, from thence north north-east by Muscongus River eight miles, from thence eight miles north-west and by west, from thence south south-west eight miles, from thence south-east and by east eight miles, to the tree where it first began; which tract of land on the eighth day of August, Anno sixteen hundred and sixty, was in and by a good deed, well executed by John Brown of New Harbor, given and granted to Saunder Gould and Margaret his wife, and upon their decease descended to and became the estate of Margaret Pittman, which said Margaret (mother of the present grantor [by a former husband named James Stilson]), with her husband Thomas Pittman, conveyed

† This deed was also recorded, in 1794, in Hancock county and in Lincoln county. — EDS.

On the request of Mr. J. S. Barry, of Hanover,

Voted, That the use of the Library be granted to him, under the Rules of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Mr. Henry Stevens, in London, in acknowledgment and acceptance of his election as Corresponding Member.

Dr. Henry I. Bowditch, by the hands of the President, presented to the Society a map of Stratham, New Hampshire, drawn in 1793, containing all the estates in the town at that time.

The Standing Committee made the following nominations for Resident Members: viz., William Brigham, Esq., of Boston, *vice* Hon. James C. Merrill, deceased, and Hon. Abbott Lawrence, of Boston, *vice* Hon. Simon Greenleaf, deceased.

Mr. AMES, from the First Section, presented printed abstracts of numerous deeds and records, prepared for a case recently pending in the Court of Common Pleas for Bristol, in relation to the title of certain land in the first great share in the great cedar swamp in the territory formerly called "The Taunton North Purchase,

to me, the said James Stilson, as by deed may appear on record, bearing date the twenty-seventh day of December, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and twenty, the said tract being yet undivided. Also a certain neck of land running from the above said tract of land into Broad Bay aforesaid, containing seven hundred acres, be the same more or less"; of all of which he claims to be lawful owner, and covenants to warrant and defend.

The parchment is signed "Jiams Steason" with a seal, of which only a fragment remains, affixed. An indorsed receipt for the £200 from Mr. Waldo is signed "Jaems Stilson." It was "signed, sealed, and delivered, in the presence of us, Philip Carteret, Stephen Minot, Jr." The deed was acknowledged in Boston, March 27, 1733, before "John Ballantine." It was received for record at York, May 22, 1733, and recorded with the records of deeds in said county, Lib. 15, fol. 138-139. Joseph Moody, Register. See Johnston's Hist. of Bristol, Bremen, and Pemaquid, pp. 236, 243, 245, 471, 472. — *Ens*.

afterwards the town of Norton, and now in the town of Easton."

Present — The President, Ames, Ellis, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., J. C. Gray, Livermore, Paige, Robbins, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Webb, Wheatland, Willard, Winthrop, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Dec. 8, 1853, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Hon. John Davis, of Worcester, the Historical Society of New Jersey, Hon. H. Barnard, Samuel Wolcott, the Government of Massachusetts, the Government of the United States, and from Messrs. Davis and Everett, of the Society; also from Dr. Usher Parsons and Mr. Ebenezer Alden.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter of acceptance from Governor Clifford.

On motion of the President,

Voted, That the Committee appointed at the meeting in January, 1851, to confer with the Provident Institution for Savings in the town of Boston, on the subject of larger accommodations for this Society, be authorized, in such manner as to them shall seem good, to obtain such accommodation in this or other estate in this city; and, for that purpose, may sell and convey the right and property of this Society in the premises to said Provident Institution, and by indenture of lease, or otherwise, may procure the desired benefit.

It having been stated in the course of the debate upon this subject that it was in contemplation by the

Provident Institution for Savings, should they erect a new building, to apply to the city government for leave to extend their south wall some five feet over the burying-ground, to be supported upon arches,

Mr. WINTHROP moved a reconsideration of the vote; whereupon a discussion ensued, and the views of several of the members having been expressed, and the object intended by the motion to reconsider having been attained, it was withdrawn by the mover.

WILLIAM BRIGHAM, Esq., of Boston, *vice* Hon. James C. Merrill, deceased, and Hon. ABBOTT LAWRENCE, of Boston, *vice* Hon. Simon Greenleaf, deceased, were respectively elected Resident Members, — Messrs. WORCESTER and LIVERMORE, Scrutinizing Committee.

Present — The President, Adams, Appleton, Budington, Davis, Deane, Eliot, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., N. L. Frothingham, F. C. Gray, J. C. Gray, Jenks, Livermore, Lunt, Paige, Quincy, Robbins, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Ticknor, Webb, Wheatland, White, Willard, Winthrop, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1854.

Thursday, Jan. 12, 1854, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read by Dr. NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF, who was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*, in the absence of the Recording Secretary.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs.

Samuel G. Drake, James Lenox, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanics' Association, and from Messrs. Ames and Winthrop, of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated letters from Hon. Abbott Lawrence and William Brigham, Esq., accepting their election as Resident Members.

Mr. TICKNOR, from the Committee appointed at January meeting, 1851, on the subject of larger accommodations for the Society, and whose powers were enlarged at December meeting, 1853, reported verbally that such accommodations would probably be obtained for the Society and also for the Provident Institution for Savings, in some other than the present situation, and that the subject was now before a committee of that Institution for action thereupon.

Messrs. LIVERMORE and BRIGHAM were appointed a committee with full power to treat with Messrs. Ames and Shattuck, of this Society, respecting exchanges of duplicate Acts, Resolves, and Journals of the Province and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, so as to perfect the Society's Collections.

Dr. WEBB communicated to the Society the information that he had obtained from John Carter Brown, Esq., of Providence, Rhode Island, the loan of a rare tract, entitled "Clarke's Ill News from New England," for the use of the Society. Whereupon,

Voted, That the tract be referred to the Publishing Committee, with authority to have the same copied, and to draw upon the Treasurer of the Society for the expense thereof.*

* This tract was reprinted in 4 Collections, II. 1-113. — Eds.

Mr. SIBLEY read a letter from Henry Dunster, father of the President, written to the latter, dated "Balehoul, this 20th of March, 1640"; also, a letter from Rev. Mr. Samuel Sewall, of Burlington, under date of December last, touching the "Balehoul" letter. Whereupon,

Voted, That Mr. Sibley be requested to procure, if possible, copies of these two letters; also, of other letters formerly the property of President Dunster, for the use of the Publishing Committee.*

Mr. SHATTUCK exhibited two manuscript volumes in his possession, written by Mr. David Hall.

On motion of Mr. WINTHROP,

Voted, That Messrs. Adams, Appleton, Lawrence, Quincy, and Winthrop be a committee to memorialize the Congress of the United States, in behalf of the Massachusetts Historical Society, in favor of an appropriation for defraying the expenses of procuring from the State Paper Office or other public offices in England, copies of all the documents, correspondence, and records relating to the history of our country.

The President communicated a copy of a letter written by Emanuel Downing to James Usher, Archbishop of Armagh, bearing date "24 October, 1620," which was referred to the Publishing Committee.†

On the request of Mr. Lunt for the loan of a manuscript copy of the records of the First Church in Plymouth, being the same copy that was made out and presented to the Society by that gentleman,

Voted, That the request be granted.

Voted, That Mr. Ames be empowered to take charge of the binding of several loose documents relating to the early legislation of Massachusetts, and to draw upon the Treasurer for the money to defray the expense.

* See the "Dunster Papers," in 4 Collections, II. 190-198. — Eds.

† Ibid., II. 120, 121. — Eds.

Mr. ROBBINS communicated the epitaph of Captain John Smith, as copied from the original in St. Sepulchre's, London.*

Present — The President, Adams, Ames, Appleton, Blagden, Bowen, Brigham, Ellis, Felt, N. L. Frothingham, R. Frothingham, Jr., Livermore, Lunt, Paige, Quincy, Robbins, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Ticknor, Webb, Winthrop, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Feb. 12, 1854, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. James I. Wood, Edwin M. Stone, Mr. Norton, of the "Literary Gazette," George W. Burnap, Rev. Dr. Henry, John W. Forney, Clerk of the House of Representatives in Congress, the Mayor of the City of Boston, the State of New York, and from Messrs. Sibley and Winthrop, of the Society; also, a deposit by the town of Medway, pursuant to a request of the Society at the last October meeting, of the Laws of Massachusetts, 1775–1778.

The Committee on enlarged accommodations reported by Mr. Ticknor that the subject-matter was still in progress.

The President communicated a letter from Thomas Doney, Julius Gollmann, Thomas Evans, and R. King,

* For this epitaph, see Proceedings for January, 1867, pp. 455, 456. — EDS.

proprietors of the engraving entitled "Distinguished Americans," accompanying a copy of the engraving as a present to the Society. The letter states that the scene represented is that of "a meeting of the Historical Society of the State of New York," and that the engraving "embraces portraits of fifty distinguished personages, members of the Society, . . . and that forty-seven of these portraits are engraved from paintings from life," &c.*

Mr. AMES, from the First Section, made some instructive remarks upon the importance of preserving the old Legislative Journals, as a valuable portion of the history of the Commonwealth.

The President communicated the following papers, which were by vote referred to the Publishing Committee, viz. : —

1. Instructions from O. Cromwell to Major Robert Sedgwick, commander of the "Black Raven," &c., Feb. 8, 1658.
2. Instructions from O. Cromwell to Captain John Leverett, in behalf of Colonel Thomas Temple, Sept. 26, 1656.†

Present — The President, Adams, Ames, Appleton, Blagden, Bowen, Brigham, Davis, Ellis, Felt, Lawrence, Livermore, Robbins, Sears, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Ticknor, White, Willard, Winthrop, and Worcester.

* This large mezzotinto engraving is in the Cabinet of the Society. — Ens.

† See 4 Collections, II. 230-233. — Ens.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, March 9, 1854, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Hon. Mr. Walley, Rev. Mr. Bartlet, of Chelsea, Mr. Norton, of the "Literary Gazette," from several persons whose names are not given, and from Messrs. Savage, Shurtleff, and Winthrop, of the Society.

Messrs. N. L. FROTHINGHAM, SEARS, and WORCESTER were appointed a Nominating Committee, under Chapter III. of the Society's Rules, to report at the next meeting a list of members for officers of the Society for the ensuing year.

Messrs. WINTHROP and AMES were appointed a committee on the Treasurer's accounts for the last year, to report at the next meeting.

For Corresponding Members, Dr. Shurtleff nominated William Willis, Esq., of the city of Portland, Maine; Mr. Ticknor nominated Henry Hallam, Esq., of England; and Dr. Sparks nominated Hon. Thomas Babington Macaulay, of Edinburgh, Scotland.

On motion of Mr. AMES,

Voted, That Messrs. Clifford, Ames, and Sparks be a committee to frame, and report at the next meeting of the Society, a suitable circular to be issued by this Society, and to be sent to such Town-Clerks, such descendants of members of the General Court in Colonial and Provincial times, and such other persons as may probably have in their possession, reach, and control, any copies of the colonial or provincial laws, or fragments or loose leaves thereof, and any copies of

the printed journals of the House of Representatives, or parts or fragments thereof, from May, 1715, to May, 1785, in order that they may communicate what they may have, to the end that the Society may, while it is possible, collect and preserve one or more copies thereof for public use.

Also, *voted*, To refer to the same Committee, with full power to act in the premises according to their discretion, the following additional motion made by Mr. Ames: viz., That the Society do forthwith present their memorial or petition to the General Court, now in session, praying that the appropriate means be taken to preserve for public use one or more copies of a complete series of the statutes or Acts of the General Court, which were printed in colonial and provincial times; and also a complete series of all the printed journals of the House of Representatives that were ever printed, beginning with the year 1715.

On motion of Mr. SIBLEY,

Voted, That the President be requested to prepare a memoir of our late deceased brother, the Hon. James C. Merrill, for the next volume of the Society's Collections.*

On motion of Mr. ROBBINS,

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to Mr. Ames for his extensive and laborious service in furnishing such a complete series of the Session Acts of the General Court of Massachusetts, from June, 1692, to May, 1699.

No communications were received from the members of the Second Section.

Present — The President, Ames, Appleton, Brigham, Clifford, Davis, Deane, Eliot, Felt, N. L. Frothingham, R. Frothingham, Jr., Jenks, Lunt, Paige, Robbins, Sears, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Sparks, Ticknor, Willard, Winthrop, and Worcester.

* The Hon. James Cushing Merrill, elected in April, 1820, died Oct. 4, 1863. Mr. Savage having failed to prepare the memoir of Judge Merrill, a brief sketch has been furnished by Mr. Saltonstall, which will be found in this volume, on pp. 561-563. — Eds.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1854.

Thursday, April 13, 1854, 12 M. The Society held their meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the New Jersey Historical Society, and from Messrs. Everett, Shurtleff, Webb, and Winthrop, of this Society.

Mr. APPLETON, from the Committee appointed at January meeting, 1851, on the subject of enlarged accommodations for the Society, with additional powers conferred by a vote passed at December meeting, 1853, made the following report, viz. : —

The Committee appointed to confer with the Provident Institution for Savings, on the subject of larger accommodations for this Society, report that they had one meeting with a committee of that institution, and a correspondence, which is herewith submitted, numbered 1 to 5. It will be seen that this Committee have not been able to induce that of the Savings Institution to name any terms on which they will exchange the accommodations we ask for in their new purchase of the Perkins house for that we hold at present. It would, therefore, appear that for the present we must be content as we are.

N. APPLETON, DAVID SEARS, GEORGE TICKNOR,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
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Mr. WINTHROP, from the Committee on the Treasurer's accounts for the past year, reported

That the accounts are properly vouched and correctly cast, and that there appears to have been a balance on hand of	
last general account of	\$301.13
Received during the year on general account	152.00
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	\$453.13
Paid during the year on general account	348.81
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Leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hands of	\$104.32
There is also a balance in the Treasurer's hands, on the book	
account	224.84

ROBERT C. WINTHROP.*

Boston, April 13, 1854.

The Committee upon the collection and preservation of copies of the Colonial and Provincial Laws and the Journals of the House, stated that they would be ready to make their report upon the subject-matter of their appointment at the next meeting of the Society.

The President communicated a letter, addressed to our late Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Dr. Young, deceased, by Lyman C. Draper, Esq., Corresponding Secretary of the Wisconsin Historical Society, requesting, in their behalf, a copy of the printed Collections of this Society, or of such parts thereof as may be conveniently spared.

Voted, To refer this communication to Messrs. Sparks, Ellis, and Sibley for their consideration, and to make report thereupon to this Society.

Mr. ELLIS communicated a letter from Mr. Quincy, who was appointed at March meeting, 1848, to prepare

* The receipts for the year were \$152, all for admission fees and assessments. The payments amounted to \$348.81. Of this sum \$51.30 were for taxes; \$186.29 to James I. Wood, assistant, and \$111.22 for miscellaneous expenses. At this time and for several years before and after this date, the sales of books were entered in the Treasurer's account only once in two years. — *END.*

a memoir of our late associate, Hon. John Quincy Adams, deceased, in which he states in substance that the material prepared by him for the memoir would require more space than an entire volume of the Society's Collections, of the usual size, and thereupon asks to be released from the appointment, upon the condition of his giving to the Society the entire profits, together with the copyright of his proposed Life of Mr. Adams. Whereupon,

Voted, That Messrs. John C. Gray, Ticknor, and Winthrop be a committee to communicate to President Quincy the Society's grateful sense of his liberal offer, and their acceptance of the same.

Also, *voted*, That the letter of President Quincy, together with the answer that the Committee shall make thereunto, be published in the next volume of the Society's Collections.*

On motion of Mr. ELLIS,

Voted, That Mr. Robbins be requested to prepare a memoir of our late associate, Rev. Dr. Young, deceased, for the Society's Collections.†

On motion of the President,

Voted, That the letter of Mr. George May, April 3, instant, in relation to his drawing of Westminster Abbey, be referred to the Treasurer, that he may collect from members of the Society the amount not yet contributed for the purchase of the drawing; and, upon failure therein, to pay such amount from the Society's treasury.

Mr. SPARKS, from the Third Section, communicated copies of letters from Dr. William Douglass to Cadwalader Colden, 1721-1736.

Voted, To refer the same to the Publishing Committee.

* The letter and answer are printed in 4 Collections, II. 199-201. — Eds.

† Rev. Alexander Young, D.D., elected in June, 1835, died March 16, 1854. The memoir of him by the Rev. Chandler Robbins, D.D., is in 4 Collections, II. 241-245. — Eds.

The President, from the Third Section, communicated sundry Leverett papers, in addition to those communicated by him at the last February meeting.

Voted, To refer the same to the Publishing Committee.*

Mr. SHATTUCK, from the Third Section, communicated to the Society a deposit of the Diary of the Rev. David Hall, a clergyman in Sutton, Massachusetts, in the last century; which deposit is made by Mr. David Hall, of West Killingly, Connecticut, a grandson of the diarist, on the following condition, as prescribed by him in his letter to Mr. Shattuck, viz. : —

“To be deposited in the Massachusetts Historical Society Library, until such time as I may wish to withdraw it. I shall probably never call for it, except to return it again.

“DAVID HALL.”

The Treasurer reported that he had paid from the treasury the purchase-money for the original account of John Usher, Treasurer and Receiver-General of New England, January, 1688-89, pursuant to the vote of the Society at their October meeting, 1853; and, thereupon,

Voted, To refer this document to the Publishing Committee.†

Mr. SEARS, from the Nominating Committee, under Chapter III., appointed at the last meeting to report a list of members for officers of the Society for the ensuing year, made the following report, viz. : —

* The Leverett Papers and the letters of Dr. Douglass will be found in the volume of Collections last cited. — Eds.

† It has not yet been printed by the Society. — Eds.

JAMES SAVAGE	for PRESIDENT.
JOSEPH WILLARD	„ RECORDING SECRETARY.
WILLIAM P. LUNT	„ CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JOSEPH B. FELT	„ LIBRARIAN.
RICHARD FROTHINGHAM, JR.	„ TREASURER.
NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF	„ CABINET-KEEPER.
ROBERT C. WINTHROP	} „ STANDING COMMITTEE.
GEORGE W. BLAGDEN	
CHARLES DEANE	
LUCIUS R. PAIGE	
CHANDLER ROBBINS	

Mr. SIBLEY, from the Committee appointed to collect, assort, and count the votes for officers of the Society for the ensuing year, and to make report thereupon, reported in performance of that duty that the whole number of votes was fifteen, all of which were cast for the foregoing gentlemen, except one of them, who received fourteen votes.

Whereupon, they were severally declared to be duly chosen.

Present — The President, Appleton, Blagden, Davis, Deane, Ellis, Felt, Francis, N. L. Frothingham, R. Frothingham, Jr., F. C. Gray, J. C. Gray, Hoar, Jenks, Paige, Robbins, Sears, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Sparks, Ticknor, Webb, White, Willard, Winthrop, and Worcester.

JOSEPH WILLARD,
Recording Secretary.

[Four Resident Members died since the preceding annual meeting, — the Hon. Nahum Mitchell, the Hon. James Cushing Merrill, the Hon. Simon Greenleaf, and the Rev. Alexander Young, D.D. Memoirs of the first

three never having been published by the Society are here furnished. — EDS.]

Notice of Hon. Nahum Mitchell.

Nahum Mitchell was the son of Cushing and Jennet (Orr) Mitchell, and was born in East Bridgewater, Feb. 12, 1769. On his father's side he traced his ancestry back to Francis Cook, one of the passengers in the "Mayflower," and to Experience Mitchell, who came over in the "Ann," the third vessel which arrived at Plymouth. He was prepared for college by the Hon. Beza Hayward, of Bridgewater, and graduated at Cambridge in 1789. During a part of his college course he taught school at Weston; and after graduating he also taught for a short time in Bridgewater and Plymouth. While teaching at the latter place he read law with the Hon. Joshua Thomas, afterward Judge of Probate for Plymouth County, and in due time was admitted to the bar. He then opened an office in his native town, and acquired an extensive practice, beside preparing many young men for admission to the bar, among whom were the late Hon. Ezekiel Whitman, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Maine, and the late Hon. Elijah Hayward, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Ohio.

He represented Bridgewater in the General Court from 1798 to 1803 and in 1809 and 1812, and was one of the senators from Plymouth County in the following year. From 1814 to 1820 he was a member of the Executive Council, and from 1822 to 1827, Treasurer of the Commonwealth. From 1803 to 1805 he was a member of the United States House of Representatives. In 1801 he was one of the commissioners to establish the boundary line between Massachusetts and Rhode Island; and in 1823 he was one of a similar commission to settle the boundary line between Massachusetts and Connecticut. For ten years, from 1811 to 1821, he was one

of the Judges of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas for the Southern Circuit of Massachusetts, and for the last two years he was Chief Justice ; and at various periods he held other public offices by the choice of his fellow-citizens or by executive appointment.

Judge Mitchell was chosen a member of the Historical Society August 25, 1818 ; and to the seventh volume of the second series of the Collections he contributed a Description of Bridgewater. From April, 1835, to December, 1836, he was Librarian, and from 1839 to 1845 he was Treasurer. In 1840 he published a History of Bridgewater, with a Genealogical Register. His antiquarian and genealogical knowledge was copious and exact. He had also a great fondness for music, and published in early life a collection of psalm tunes, known as the Bridgewater Collection, which passed through nearly thirty editions.

Judge Mitchell died suddenly on the 1st of August, 1853, in Plymouth, where he had gone to attend the celebration of the embarkation of the Pilgrims at Delfthaven. He married, in 1794, Nabby, daughter of General Silvanus Lazell, of Bridgewater, and had five children. His reputation as a lawyer and a judge was deservedly high ; he was exact and methodical in all his habits ; of untiring industry ; and of a remarkably even temper.

E. A.

Notice of Hon. James C. Merrill.

James Cushing Merrill, the son of Rev. Giles Merrill and Lucy Cushing, was born in the north parish of Haverhill, Massachusetts, Sept. 27, 1784, and died in Boston, Oct. 4, 1853. He married, Nov. 28, 1820, Anna Saltonstall (daughter of Dr. Nathaniel Saltonstall, of Haverhill), who was born Nov. 3, 1787, and died Oct. 17, 1865.

He, together with his brother Samuel, studied with his

father, finishing his education for college at Exeter, and graduating from Harvard in the Class of 1807. After studying law with the Hon. John Varnum, of Haverhill, he removed to Boston, where he practised his profession, and continued to reside during the remainder of his life.

For many years he was one of the Justices of the Police Court of Boston, but resigned this position in 1852, owing to declining health.

He represented Boston in both branches of the Legislature.

In his class at college he took high rank, being its first scholar in Greek. He continued through life to indulge his taste for Greek literature as his highest recreation, and was for thirty years on the Examining Committee for Greek at Harvard. He retained a strong affection for Alma Mater, as well as for many of his class, which contained several distinguished men, in whose success he always evinced the deepest interest.

The relations between his brother Samuel, who was his classmate, and himself were very close. They possessed kindred tastes; and it is rare to see two brothers continue through life an intercourse so affectionate, so genial and beautiful in its simplicity and mutual respect.

Judge Merrill was a singularly pure and upright man; always prompt to rebuke the growing tendency of the age to depart from the stern simplicity of the early founders of the Republic, at the same time rejoicing to see every reasonable indulgence given to those of the younger generation, whom he delighted to have around his hospitable hearth. His house was a home to the numerous friends and relations who ever received from him and his excellent wife that warm welcome which, it is felt, comes from the heart.

A strong conservative in all his views, he was naturally a zealous member of the Episcopal Church. Possessed of strong convictions, leading a simple, unpretending life, he was true to every duty imposed on him.

The Massachusetts Historical Society, the American Antiquarian Society, and the New England Historic-Genaealogical Society, are among the societies with which he was connected.

L. S.

Notice of Hon. Simon Greenleaf, LL.D.

The family of Greenleaf, whose genealogy was published in 1854 by the Rev. Jonathan Greenleaf, of Brooklyn, New York, the younger brother of the subject of this notice, is supposed to be of Huguenot origin, and its name a translation of the French *Feuillevert*. The first of the family to come to this country was Edmund Greenleaf, of Brixham, Devonshire, who emigrated to Newbury in 1635, removed to Boston about 1650, and died there in 1671. His descendant in the fourth generation was the Hon. Jonathan Greenleaf, a man of considerable note in his town and in the State. He was born and lived all his life in Newbury, where he accumulated a large property by the business of ship-building. He represented his native town in the Provincial Congress, and, after the Revolution, was successively a member of the House of Representatives, of the Senate, and of the Executive Council of the Commonwealth. He died, an old man, in 1807. His second son, Moses, was also a ship-carpenter, but at the beginning of the struggle for Independence entered the army, where he attained the rank of captain, and served until near the close of hostilities. He was afterward associated with his father in building ships for some years, and then removed to New Gloucester, Maine, where he became a farmer, and where he died in 1812. Captain Moses Greenleaf married, in 1776, Lydia Parsons, daughter of the Rev. Jonathan Parsons, of Newburyport, by whom he had five children. Mrs. Greenleaf survived her husband many years, and died in Williamsburg, Maine, in 1834.

Simon Greenleaf was the fourth child and third son of this Captain Moses and Lydia (Parsons) Greenleaf, and was born in Newburyport, Dec. 5, 1783. When his parents removed to New Gloucester, about 1790, Simon was left in the care of his grandfather, probably that he might enjoy the privileges of better schools than a farming town could offer. He was placed in the Latin School of Newburyport, then kept by Michael Walsh, the author of a well-known arithmetic. Here he received an academic training. When about eighteen years of age he left the Academy, and joined the family in New Gloucester, where he at once began the study of the law in the office of the late Ezekiel Whitman, afterward Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Maine, but then a young lawyer not much older than his pupil. Here he remained three years, when, in 1805, he was admitted to the bar of Cumberland County, and began the practice of his profession in Standish, a small town on Sebago Pond sixteen miles from Portland. After a short stay he removed to the neighboring town of Gray, where, being for some years the only lawyer, he acquired considerable business. He remained in Gray until 1818, when the increasing necessities of his family induced him to remove to the larger field of Portland. The removal was doubtless encouraged by the fact that the political engagements of the leading members of the Portland bar at that time made an opening for new and younger men. Mr. Greenleaf's success was decided.

The District of Maine became an independent State in 1820, and consequently a separate Supreme Court was established. It was necessary to appoint some one to report the decisions of this new bench, and the Governor selected Mr. Greenleaf for the office. He entered at once upon its duties, and held the office for twelve years. During this period he published nine volumes of Reports. These reports, Professor Parsons says, "are among the most valuable of the

American Reports.”* A second edition of them was published shortly before Mr. Greenleaf's death. In 1832, he resigned the position of reporter, and in the following year received an invitation to succeed Mr. John Hooker Ashmun in the Royall Professorship in the Dane Law School at Cambridge. This office he held until 1846, when, after the death of Judge Story, he was transferred to the Dane Professorship, which he filled only two years, resigning it on account of failing health, and the great labors required from the incumbent. His release from cares was followed by an almost immediate restoration of his health, and he was spared to accomplish much more work. His resignation was accepted with the greatest reluctance, and his name was continued on the catalogue of the University as Professor Emeritus until his death.

In 1821, almost at the beginning of his labors as reporter of the Maine Supreme Court, Mr. Greenleaf published his first book, “A full Collection of Cases, Overruled, Denied, Doubted, or Limited in their Application, taken from American and English Reports.” He was prompted to this work by a somewhat curious circumstance. He had given an opinion, and had argued a case consequent upon this opinion, trusting to an English decision that seemed conclusive in the matter. The judge, to his amazement, informed him that the case had been overruled and was entirely without weight. It was a very useful book to the profession, and has been re-edited with additions by other hands.

Mr. Greenleaf was selected as Royall Professor by the influence of Judge Story, who had known him for some time, and whose notice he is said to have attracted by his knowledge of Admiralty Law, in those days a little-known branch of the profession. In William Willis's excellent “History

* Manuscript “Address commemorative of Professor Greenleaf,” delivered before the students of the Dane Law School, kindly placed at my disposal by the author. I shall quote it frequently.

of the Law, the Courts, and the Lawyers of Maine," there is an extended notice of Mr. Greenleaf, with an interesting anecdote, showing his acquaintance with ships and ship-building.

The Dane Law School was certainly fortunate in obtaining so learned and accomplished a scholar and teacher to fill the gap left by the lamented death of Ashmun, a vacancy which it was thought by many could not be satisfactorily filled at all. Mr. Greenleaf devoted himself to the school, and spent without stint in its service the best years of his life. He became thoroughly identified with it, and gave it all his time and thought. Judge Story's engagements were such that he was absent for a very considerable part of each year; and the main work of instruction devolved upon the Royall Professor, and the prosperity of the school depended largely upon him. How well Mr. Greenleaf succeeded is evident from the statement that the number of pupils rose from about fifty in 1833, to nearly three times that number in 1848. Ten thousand volumes were added to the school library during Mr. Greenleaf's active connection with the school. Judge Story's own opinion of Mr. Greenleaf's success is given in a touching letter acknowledging the dedication of the treatise on the Law of Evidence, in 1842.*

Professor Greenleaf published in 1842 and subsequent years his admirable "Treatise on the Law of Evidence." Of this work Prof. Parsons says, in the address to the students of the Law School already cited:—

"It is, however, in his work on the Law of Evidence that we find the best proof of his industry, his learning, and his sagacity. Of this book I often speak to you, and from it I lecture in the course of the instruction of the school. . . . You know my opinion of it; nor will I pause upon it, excepting to say that Mr. Greenleaf was induced to make it by finding, when he endeavored to teach the Law of Evidence, great difficulty from the want of a text-book on this subject,

* Story's Life and Letters, Vol. II. pp. 409-411.

adapted to this purpose. . . . What was needed here, and what Mr. Greenleaf undertook to prepare, was a philosophical and logical treatise, containing in a compact form all that was essential to a full exposition of the law on this important subject, and nothing more. And to this book he imparts the charm of a style, of which the transparent elegance is not thrown away, although it be bestowed upon a work apparently so ill adapted to receive it as a law book. He certainly intended it at first mainly as a manual for students. But the profession took it up; and, as repeated editions were demanded, it grew upon his hands; and it grew equally in public favor, until it has overcome all competition, and become *the* book which every student must read, and every practising lawyer must have."

Mr. Greenleaf's chief publications, besides those already mentioned, were an "Examination of the Testimony of the Four Evangelists, by the Rules of Evidence administered in Courts of Justice. With an Account of the Trial of Jesus"; an edition of "Cruise's Digest of the Law of Real Property"; a "Discourse at his Inauguration as Royall Professor"; and a "Discourse Commemorative of the Life and Character of the Hon. Joseph Story, LL.D." He contributed also not infrequently to the law magazines. His Examination of the Testimony of the Evangelists is an evidence of his deep interest in the truths of religion, and his desire to do his part in promulgating and sustaining them. This book was republished in England at the suggestion of Archbishop Sumner, and to the English edition, which was revised by the author, was added a translation of Dupin's "Trial of Jesus," made by Mr. John Pickering. His religious feelings were indeed always a prominent feature of his character.

In 1806, Mr. Greenleaf married Hannah Kingman, a daughter of Captain Ezra Kingman, of East Bridgewater, Massachusetts. They had fifteen children, eleven of whom died in infancy, and only one of whom now survives. After his retirement from active duties in the Law School, Mr. Greenleaf continued his residence in Cambridge, working

diligently at his books and profession. He continued his labors until the very end, dying suddenly on October 6, 1853, having nearly completed his seventieth year. I quote once more from Professor Parsons's address:—

“ In that last of his days on earth, he had been busy at home and abroad. As some of you saw, he exercised his habitual kindness by bringing a stranger to our Hall, and opening to his wants the wealth of our Library. He had gone into the neighboring city, and there employed himself with his usual activity; and, through the day, while at home, he had warmed and illumined that home with the daily and hourly love which made it happy; and, when evening brought on the hours of rest, he rested, as he loved to rest, in working still. A proof-sheet of the book he was then publishing was brought to him. Upon that paper he wrought; he folded it, and, after his family devotions, retired, and — died. An appropriate euthanasia!”

Mr. Greenleaf received the honorary degree of A.M. from Bowdoin College in 1817; that of LL.D from Harvard in 1834, from Amherst in 1845, and from Alabama College in 1852. He was elected a member of this Society in November, 1837. In the following year, he presented to our Library a large and valuable collection of military papers of his father, Captain Moses Greenleaf. These are now arranged in a folio volume and to the collection is prefixed a brief memoir of the captain by his son.

G. D.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, May 11, 1854, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the City of Boston, the United States Government, Mr.

Edward Griffin, Dr. George Chandler, Mr. Jonathan Pearson, Librarian of Union College, Mr. John Odroneaux, and from Messrs. Everett, Quincy, Ticknor, Webb, and Winthrop, of this Society.

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to pay to Mr. George May the sum of twelve dollars, the residue of the purchase-money of the drawing of Westminster Abbey.

Right Honorable THOMAS BABINGTON MACAULAY, of Edinburgh, Scotland, HENRY HALLAM, Esq., of the City of London, and WILLIAM WILLIS, Esq., of Portland, severally nominated at the last March meeting, were unanimously elected Corresponding Members, — Messrs. SHURTLEFF and ELIOT, Scrutinizing Committee.

Mr. AMES, from the Committee upon the collection and preservation of copies of the Colonial and Provincial Laws and the Journals of the House, stated that the Committee would be prepared to make their report at the next meeting.

Mr. SIBLEY, from the Committee on the request of the Wisconsin Historical Society for a copy of the Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society, read a letter from Lyman C. Draper, Esq., the Corresponding Secretary of the former Society, giving in some detail their condition and prospects. Whereupon,

Voted, To accept the report, and that a copy of the Collections be presented to the Wisconsin Historical Society.

The Recording Secretary communicated a letter from the Rev. Dr. Palfrey, resigning his seat as a member of the Society.

He also communicated a letter from Mr. William Duane, Treasurer of the "Seventy-six Society" at

Philadelphia, setting forth the objects and Constitution of the Society.

The Standing Committee nominated, for Resident Members, His Excellency Emory Washburn, Governor of the Commonwealth, *vice* Rev. Dr. Young, deceased, and Rev. Samuel K. Lothrop, D.D., of Boston, *vice* Rev. Dr. Palfrey, resigned.

Mr. QUINCY presented to the Society a manuscript found among his papers, entitled "Summary of the Charges of the State of Massachusetts against the United States, as now stated, in January, February, March, &c., 1791, in twenty-two books, and laid before the Board in dollars," it being charges of the State of Massachusetts for Revolutionary services in the years 1779 and 1780.

Mr. DEANE, from the First Section, communicated a copy of a paper taken from the archives of the Commonwealth, entitled "A Declaration of the Council of New England for the Resignation of the Great Charter, and of the Reasons moving thereto, and the Act of Surrender of the Great Charter of New England to His Majesty." *

Voted, To refer this document to the Publishing Committee.

Mr. AMES, from the First Section, communicated a circular, dated "Boston, April 20, 1773," signed by Peter Bestes and others, by order of a committee of the

* The paper communicated by Mr. Deane at this time was transcribed by him from an early, perhaps nearly contemporaneous, manuscript, in a volume of "Miscellaneous Papers" in the Society's Library. The document had already been printed by Hazard, I. 390-394, and may be found, with kindred memoranda, in the "Records of the Council for New England," in the Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society for April, 1867. — Eds.

slaves in the Province of Massachusetts Bay, and addressed to the Representatives of the towns in the Province, asking the "ample relief which, as men, they have a natural right to, and purposing, as soon as able, to transport themselves to some part of the coast of Africa," &c.

He also communicated a copy of a Resolve of the Provincial Congress, Watertown, June 29, 1775, making provision for thirteen thousand coats for the Massachusetts forces, with the number to be furnished by the respective towns, except Boston and Charlestown. Also, a sample of the cloth to be used, inclosed in the circular of Congress addressed to the selectmen of Stoughtonham.

Mr. SAVAGE communicated three receipts, dated in Holden, in the year 1777, for services connected with the Army of the Revolution; also, a note of thanks, of ancient date, put up by Jonathan Diman and wife.

Voted, That Mr. Ames be a committee to exchange with the Commonwealth one of the four copies of the Laws, edition 1726, the property of this Society, for a copy of any edition of the old Laws of which the Commonwealth has a duplicate, and in which this Society is deficient. Also, that Mr. Ames be a committee on the copy of 1726, presented by Mr. Ticknor to supply deficiencies.

Present—The President, Ames, Austin, Blagden, Davis, Deane, Eliot, Ellis, Felt, Francis, N. L. Frothingham, R. Frothingham, Jr., F. C. Gray, Jenks, Lunt, Minot, Paige, Quincy, Robbins, Sears, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Ticknor, Webb, Willard, Winthrop, and Worcester.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, June 8, 1854, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the State Library of New York, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Mr. Jonathan Pearson, Librarian of Union College, two tracts entitled "Cuba and its Government," donor unknown, and from Mr. Winthrop, of this Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter of acceptance from William Willis, Esq., of Portland, elected as a Corresponding Member at the last meeting.

Mr. AMES, from the Committee on the Colonial and Provincial Laws and the Journals of the House, reported the form of the proposed circular. After some discussion,

Voted, That the report be recommitted to the same Committee.

His Excellency Governor EMORY WASHBURN was chosen a Resident Member, *vice* Rev. Dr. Young, deceased, and Rev. Samuel K. Lothrop, D.D., *vice* Rev. Dr. Palfrey, resigned, — Messrs. BRIGHAM and DEANE, Scrutinizing Committee.

Mr. DAVIS referred to the record of July meeting, 1840, by which it appears that he then gave to the Society the picture of Washington crossing the Delaware, on the condition that the Society would have it repaired, the expense of which would be sixty dollars. Mr. Davis now expressing his intention of withdrawing the picture unless the condition is complied with,

Voted, That he be a committee to provide for the repair of the picture, and that he be authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for the expense thereof.

On motion of Mr. LIVERMORE,

Voted, That the Standing Committee, in connection with the Librarian, be requested to report at the next meeting of the Society what means, in their opinion, should be adopted for keeping open the Library according to the By-Laws of the Society; and also to consider and report upon the subject of a new catalogue.

The President communicated a donation from M. Achille Jubinal, Deputy for the Arrondissement de Bagnères, and General Secretary of the Historical Institute of Paris, by the hands of Compté d'Erleckè, of the following papers, viz. : —

1. Prospectus of the proposed publication of Ancient Historical Tapestries. Two hundred and forty plates, with text.
2. Prospectus of the proposed publication of L'Armeria Real de Madrid, or Museum of Spanish Artillery. Eighty plates, with text.
3. Catalogue of the Paintings and Sculpture presented by Jubinal to the town of Bagnères de Bigorre, 1853.
4. Catalogue of the Books and Objects of Art, &c., presented by Jubinal to the same town, to form a Library and Museum, 1853.
5. Jubinal's Circular, Paris, Jan. 16, 1854, soliciting the Society's publications for the Public Library at Bagnères de Bigorre, — a place of large resort for its mineral waters.
6. A list of Archæological Publications for sale by Didron, at Paris.

From the Second Section no communications were received.

Present — The President, Ames, Brigham, Davis, Deane, Ellis, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., Jenks, Livermore, Lunt, Robbins, Webb, Willard, and Winthrop.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, July 13, 1854, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian, through Dr. Webb, communicated donations from the Indian Bureau at Washington, General William H. Sumner, Francis Jackson, Esq., the Boston Mercantile Library Association, the American Antiquarian Society, and from Messrs. Everett, Lunt, Webb, and Willard, of this Society.

Dr. WEBB read a letter from Professor Henry, of the Smithsonian Institution, stating that they had forwarded all their volumes to this Society, as respectively published, and had received no volumes of the Massachusetts Historical Society in return.

After some discussion, on motion of Mr. LIVERMORE,

Voted, To refer this letter to a committee of three.

Messrs. HILLARD, BLAGDEN, and LIVERMORE were appointed to be the committee.

The Corresponding Secretary read letters of acceptance from Governor Washburn and Rev. Dr. Lothrop.

Mr. AMES, from the Committee on the Colonial and Provincial Laws and the Journals of the House, reported the circular as taken into a new draft, together with the historical statement appended thereto. And it was thereupon

Voted, To accept the same, and that the same committee be authorized to carry the votes upon this subject into effect.*

* The circular, as now reported, with the historical statement appended, was printed on a sheet of letter-paper for distribution. We also reprint the entire paper here:—

“To _____

“DEAR SIR,—The Massachusetts Historical Society solicits your co-operation to enable it to collect, bind up, and preserve, a series of the Laws of Massachusetts, while a Colony and a Province, from the first printing of them down to the Revolution, and a copy of all the Journals of the House of Representatives of Massachusetts, which were printed in Provincial and Revolutionary times, from May, 1716, to May, 1780. The Society has great hopes that, by gathering the fragments which may be found, it may be able to obtain a perfect series of those Laws and Journals. If you should find or know of any volume, or pamphlet, or loose leaves of any of those Laws or Journals, which the Society could probably obtain, you will confer a favor by giving information of the contents, and of the person from whom the same may probably be obtained. If the same, or any part thereof, will facilitate the object of the Society, application will be made to have the same deposited in the Library of the Society, for public use, under such regulations as may ensure the preservation of the series. The article hereto appended describes more fully the matter which the Society desires to collect and preserve.

“Any information which you can give to facilitate this object, addressed by mail, to Joseph Willard, Esq., of Boston, one of the Secretaries of the Society, will be gratefully acknowledged.

“JOHN H. CLIFFORD, } Committee of the
JARED SPARKS, } Massachusetts
ELLIS AMES, } Historical Society.

“MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ROOMS,
BOSTON, August 10th, 1854.”

“The Massachusetts Historical Society was organized and went into operation in 1791, and was incorporated by an act of the General Court, Feb. 19th, 1794. Governor Sullivan, one of the original members, in dedicating his ‘History of Land Titles in Massachusetts’ to his brethren the members of that Society, in the year 1801, says that that Society was formed by the government, under an expectation that its exertions would collect and preserve the means for furnishing a complete history of our country; and, among other branches of history, attaches great importance to the history of our laws and jurisprudence.

“Great as have been the exertions of the Historical Society towards the end for which the same was formed, yet it has not collected and preserved the means of furnishing a complete history of the legislation of Massachusetts. In other words, the Society has not yet gathered a perfect series of the Acts and Laws which were printed and published in Colonial and Provincial times,

The President communicated the written request of G. H. Hollister, Esq., of Litchfield, Connecticut, repre-

at the end of each session of the General Court, nor a copy of all the Journals of the House of Representatives of the Province and State of the Massachusetts Bay, which were printed from May, 1715, to May, 1780. Neither in the State-House, nor in any library, public or private, have all those Acts, Laws, and Journals been collected and preserved, notwithstanding the abundant means provided therefor at the time of printing and distributing the same. The confusion of the times between the repeal of the Colonial Charter and the granting of the Province Charter; the burning of the House of Assembly, in 1747, in which the records were deposited; and the disturbance of the public records, documents, and papers, during the early part of the Revolution, were doubtless among the principal causes of these deficiencies in the library and offices in the State House.

"In 1672, the second or third edition or digest of the Colony Laws was printed and distributed,* and from that time to the present, at the end of each session of the General Court, the Acts and Laws have been printed, and a copy furnished for each member, and for every town then incorporated. Thus in the library of the American Antiquarian Society, at Worcester, there is appended to a copy of the printed edition of the laws of 1672, nearly a complete series of the Acts and Laws of the General Court, paged in succession from 1672 down to the time of the Province Charter. At all times when the Journals of the House of Representatives have been printed, a copy was furnished for each town and for each member of the General Court.

"In order, then, at this late day, to gather and arrange in some suitable place or places, one or more copies of a perfect series of all those printed Acts and Laws in chronological order, and one or more copies of all those printed Journals of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, recourse must be had to those places to which the same, or parcels, fragments, and even loose and separate leaves thereof, have been thrown by time and accident.

"The Massachusetts Historical Society, satisfied that several perfect copies may be found, by a reasonable degree of search, resolved, at its monthly meeting held on the second Thursday of March, 1854, to issue a circular to such town clerks, such descendants of members of the General Court in Colonial and Provincial times, and to such other persons as might probably have in their possession, reach, and control, any copies of the Colonial or Provincial Laws, or fragments or loose leaves thereof, and any copies of the printed Journals of the House of Representatives of Massachusetts, or parts, or fragments thereof, from May, 1715, to May, 1780, in order that the gentlemen to whom the same might come, might communicate information of what they have, to the end that the Society (while it was yet possible) might collect and preserve one or more copies thereof for public use.

* The edition or digest printed in 1672 was the third. The first printed edition of the laws was published in 1649, but not a single copy is known to be in existence. The second printed edition or digest was issued in 1690. — Eds.

senting that he is preparing a History of that State, and asking permission to examine the "Trumbull Papers,"

"The Historical Society already has one copy of a perfect series of all the Sessions Acts, from May 14, 1692, when the Province Charter went into effect, up to the May session of the year 1699. The Acts and Laws of the June session, 1692, were published in sixteen pages; those of the October session of that year in a pamphlet of ninety pages; those of the February session following in six pages; and the Act of the March session, 1693, in two pages. From that time, and beginning with the May session of 1693, the Sessions Acts for nineteen sessions following, at which any Acts were passed, were printed in 321 consecutive pages, ending with the November session, 1698, which was the last session before the May session of 1699.

"The last 123 pages of the Society's copy of this series, comprehending the entire legislation of the political years 1697-98 and 1698-99, cannot be found in the State House, and, so far as we know, is the only perfect copy in existence of the whole legislation of those political years.

"In 1699 the Provincial Government ordered an edition of the Laws then in force. Accordingly, at the end of the May session, 1699, an edition of the Laws enacted since May, 1692, except such as, pursuant to the Province Charter, had been repealed by the King in Council, or by the General Court, or, from the temporary nature of them, had ceased to have any further effect, including the Sessions Acts of the May session, 1699, was printed in 158 pages, with an index of four pages at the end. From that time the Sessions Acts were printed at the end of each and every session, and paged in order to be bound up and to form one volume with the edition of 1699, undoubtedly up to the February session of 1714, though we have never seen the Sessions Acts further than page 340 (the end of the May session, 1709), except a loose leaf or two of one of the sessions in 1711.

"By order of Government, another edition of the Laws then unrepealed and in force, was printed just previous to the May session of 1714, in 240 pages, with an index of 16 pages prefixed. From that time the Sessions Acts were printed at the end of each session, up to and including the May session of 1726, and paged so as to form a volume therewith. We have seen as far as the 430th page in the series.

"After the May session of 1726, and before the November session following, a new edition of all the Provincial Statutes then in force was published in 347 pages, with an index of 17 pages prefixed. From that time, the Sessions Acts, paged so as to form a volume therewith, were printed at the end of every session, down to and including the May session of 1742, making a volume in all of 789 pages.

"In 1742, the government ordered a new edition of the laws then in force, and directed that those that were temporary in their nature, or which were to be in force only to a certain time therein named, should be separated from those that had no certain time named in them when they should expire, which they called Perpetual. Accordingly, between the November session, 1742, and the March session following, the Perpetual Laws then in force were printed in

from Vol. I. to Vol. VII. inclusive, and from Vol. XIV. to the end, and to make copies and extracts, with a view

333 pages, with an index of 28 pages prefixed; and the Sessions Acts of the Perpetual class were printed and paged to conform to this edition, down through the May session of 1760, making a volume of 526 pages in all, though there was a misprint in paging, by which the last page is paged 432, and the thirteen preceding pages were paged erroneously. Between the May session, 1742, and the November session of the same year, all the Temporary Laws then in force since the Province Charter, were printed, according to the foregoing order, in a volume of 56 pages, with an index of four pages prefixed: and the Sessions Acts of the Temporary class were afterwards printed at the end of each and every session, and paged consecutively, to conform to this edition, down to the May session of 1755, making about 465 pages, though we never have seen further than the 452d page. From and after the May session, 1747, this series has never been found complete, that we are aware of; the collections thereof being more defective, so far as we have observed, than those of any former or subsequent series of the Provincial Statutes.

"On the 9th of April, 1754, the government ordered a new edition of the Temporary Laws. Accordingly, between the February and May sessions of the year 1755, a new edition of the Temporary Laws then in force, was published in 186 pages, with an index prefixed; and from that time until the 25th February, 1763, the Sessions Acts and Laws of the Temporary class were printed and paged to conform to that edition, making in all a volume of 561 pages.

"By order of the Provincial Government, in 1759, an edition of all the Perpetual Laws then in force was printed and published in 398 pages, with an index of 24 pages prefixed. From that time, until the dissolution, by Governor Gage, of the last General Court previous to the Revolution, at Salem, on the 17th day of June, 1774, all the Laws of the Perpetual class, including some important acts of Parliament, enacted for the government of the colonies in general, or of Massachusetts in particular, were printed and paged consecutively, so as to form one volume with the edition of 1759, comprehending in all 679 pages.

"In 1763 were printed in a volume of 179 pages, with an index of 10 pages prefixed, all the Temporary Laws then in force (except a pamphlet of 52 pages printed separately); and from that time to June 17th, 1774, the Sessions Acts of the Temporary class were printed at the end of each session, and paged to conform to this edition, making in all, with sundry acts of Parliament, 528 pages.

"The Journal of the House of Representatives of Massachusetts, for the political year 1715-16, was printed and distributed. From May, 1716, to May, 1780, all the Journals of the House were printed and distributed. The Journals of the House were again printed for the political years 1784-85, 1807-08, and 1854.

"The original manuscript Journals of the House of Representatives, prior to the Constitution, seem never to have been preserved. The General Court

of publishing the same, or parts thereof, in his proposed History.

Records, which in manuscript were continued from the origin of Government in Massachusetts until through the year 1833, are not the Journals of the House of Representatives; but were made up on the basis of the Journal of the Council prior to the Constitution, and of the Senate since the Constitution, by the Secretary of the Colony, Province, State, or Commonwealth, for the time being; stating in detail the united action and results of both branches. The General Court Records give us no account of the matters which were agitated in the House and were not carried through the same; or which passed that branch, and were non-concurred in the Council or Senate; and in other respects fail to give a perfect history of the action of the popular branch of our Legislature. For example, the Journal of the House of Representatives of Massachusetts shows that in 1762, a strong party in the House attempted to render the office of Judge of the Superior Court of Judicature of the Province, incompatible with holding a seat in the Council or House of Representatives. The yeas and nays taken on the 20th April, 1762, upon the question whether the bill reported for that purpose should have a third reading, show that the friends of the bill afterwards belonged to the Revolutionary party; while the leading opponents of it were then the friends of prerogative, and were afterwards attached to the Tory party. The bill was then defeated in the House by a majority of seven; but the principle thereof, as then maintained by its advocates, was in 1780 made a part of our Constitution, and is eloquently set out in the 30th article of our Bill of Rights. The General Court Records of this period, however, make no allusion to this important item of our Constitutional history.

"A copy of the Sessions Acts and Laws unabridged, and containing each and every Act passed at all the respective sessions of our General Court, with a copy of all the Journals of the House of Representatives that were ever printed, are what the Historical Society desire to collect and arrange in chronological order upon their shelves, for the purpose of preserving for public use the means of a history of Massachusetts and its legislation in all past time.

"There never was preserved for the use of the State, a copy of the printed Sessions Acts from 1672 down to the second Charter, nor a complete copy of either of the above-named nine series of Laws and Sessions Acts, from May, 1692, to June 17, 1774. Two or three copies of the editions of 1750, 1763, 1766, and of the Perpetual Laws of 1742, with all the respective and appropriate series of Sessions Acts or supplements belonging thereto, as gathered up at the time when they were respectively published, and added in their order, and bound up, have been seen, one in one library, public or private, and another in another; but we have never seen the entire supplements, or series of Sessions Acts, which belong to the editions of 1690, 1714, 1726, and to the edition of the Temporary Laws of 1742. The Historical Society has not a perfect copy of either of the nine series of Laws in Provincial times, except the series from May, 1692, to May, 1699.

"The reason why the collections of the Laws in Colonial, and especially

Voted, That the Society grant Mr. Hollister's request, under the conditions set forth in the Society's Rule, No. VII., adopted at September meeting, 1849.

The following nominations were made of Corresponding Members: viz., Frederic Griffin, Esq., of Montreal, Canada, by the President; John Carter Brown, Esq.,

in Provincial times, are so defective, is, that there was a general neglect to collect together, at the respective times of publication, and bind in the Supplements or Sessions Acts, paged to form a part of each of the above-named editions of Laws. By this neglect, the supplements or additions of Sessions Acts, amounting in all to more than the original volumes, and for historical purposes of far more value, were separated from their proper connection, their value not apprehended, and most of them probably destroyed.

"In many of the older towns, doubtless, considerable collections of the Provincial, and even of the Colonial legislation, exist in loose leaves, and in a disordered state, in boxes, barrels, and chests, and among the town books and papers, or in garrets or unfrequented parts of old dwelling-houses, or of public buildings, without any value attached to them, portions of which are occasionally destroyed for want of care.

"If Town Clerks, and other gentlemen taking an interest in the subject, would search in garrets, boxes, and chests, where town papers, books, and documents are now kept, or have been heretofore left, for any of the Laws and any of the Journals of the House above named; and if the descendants of members of the General Court in Provincial times, and others, into whose hands any of the foregoing matter, however small, may chance to fall, would do the like, and be so kind as to communicate by mail to the Massachusetts Historical Society information of what they discover, the Society will endeavor to do its duty to the public by collecting a perfect series, and arranging them in chronological order, where they may be examined by any gentleman who may desire to do so, and where the collection will be preserved. If there be manuscript copies of some of the Laws, of which no printed copies can be found, the library of the Historical Society would seem to be a good place to deposit them for preservation and use.

"It can be no object for towns or individuals to retain parts or fragments of those series of Laws, and of the Journals of the House; but their interest, and the public good, would rather be promoted by sending the same to the library of the Massachusetts Historical Society, in Boston, where the same will help to form an entire series, during all past time, which will be accessible to all inquirers, and be preserved to the most distant generations.

"A communication of this nature does not give space for an essay upon the uses, in a legal, political, historical, and literary point of view, of a perfect and chronological series of the matter hereby sought to be collected. To the gentlemen who will take the pains to read this article, we suppose that such an essay would be superfluous."—*Ens*.

of Providence, Rhode Island, by Dr. Webb ; Hon. Elijah Hayward, of Columbus, Ohio, by Mr. Ames.

The President communicated a letter from Mr. Whitehead, of the New Jersey Historical Society, by which it appears that he stands charged with the work "of editing the Analytical Index to the New Jersey Colonial Documents in the English Archives, obtained through the agency of Mr. Henry Stevens, and now ready to be prepared for publication as one of the volumes of the Society's Collections," and requesting aid in the way of information of papers, pamphlets, &c., in illustration of the documents.

Voted, To refer this letter to Messrs. Worcester, Robbins, and Webb.

Mr. AMES having heretofore presented to the Society a volume of Massachusetts Resolves of the session 1777-1778, the defective parts of which he had restored by laborious and exact diligence, to the extent of thirty-nine folio pages, in his own handwriting ; and he having subsequently presented to the Society a perfect printed copy of these Resolves, —

On his own motion and request,

Voted, To present the former copy to the Library of the American Antiquarian Society.

Present — The President, Ames, Blagden, Budington, R. Frothingham, Jr., Hillard, Jenks, Livermore, Lunt, Robbins, Shattuck, Webb, Wheatland, Willard, and Worcester.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Aug. 10, 1854, 12 m. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian, through Dr. Webb, communicated donations from the American Philosophical Society, from Messrs. Minot, Sibley, and Worcester, of this Society; also, the donation of a copy of Hon. James Meacham's Report on the Distribution of the Income of the Smithsonian Institution, donor's name not known.

The Committee on Professor Henry's letter, referred at the last meeting, were not present to report.

The following gentlemen were elected Corresponding Members, having been nominated at the last meeting: viz., FREDERIC GRIFFIN, Esq., of Montreal, Canada, JOHN CARTER BROWN, Esq., of Providence, Rhode Island, and Hon. ELIJAH HAYWARD, of Columbus, Ohio, — Messrs. PAIGE and SHURTLEFF, Scrutinizing Committee.

The Committee on Mr. Whitehead's communication, through Dr. Webb, reported verbally that they found nothing in print in the Society's Library that would be of service in Mr. Whitehead's undertaking; but that, in addition to Governor Belcher's letters, of which New Jersey, it is believed, possesses a copy, there is undoubtedly manuscript matter in the Society's archives to Mr. Whitehead's purpose, but what, cannot be stated for want of a Catalogue.

Voted, That the same Committee be requested to communicate their result to Mr. Whitehead, and to request him to furnish the Committee a list of such documents as he desires, that they may serve him so far as may be in their power.

Voted, That Dr. Shurtleff be added to the Committee on the Library and Catalogue, appointed at the meeting in June last.

Remarks were made by various gentlemen upon the great importance of the subject intrusted to this Committee, and the need of large and energetic action.

It having been suggested that in the library of the late Hon. Judge Putnam, which library is now understood to be the property of John Lowell, Esq., there are copies of the following editions of the laws of the Province of Massachusetts Bay: viz., 1. Temporary Laws, ed. 1755, 561 pages; 2. Perpetual Laws, ed. 1759, 679 pages; 3. Temporary Laws, ed. 1763, 528 pages; with pamphlet of 52 pages added.

Voted, That Messrs. Ames and Brigham be a committee to wait upon Mr. Lowell, and state to him the desire of the Society to collect and preserve copies of all our colonial and provincial laws, as a matter of great importance and interest in the history of this Commonwealth, and solicit a gift of these volumes, or a deposit of them in their Library, for preservation, reference, and public use.

Present—The President, Ames, Barry, Brigham, N. L. Frothingham, J. C. Gray, Hoar, Jenks, Lothrop, Paige, Robbins, Shurtleff, Webb, Wheatland, Willard, Winthrop, and Worcester.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Sept. 14, 1854, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting.

In the absence of the President and Recording Secretary, Mr. WINTHROP was chosen President *pro tem.*, and Dr. SHURTLEFF, Recording Secretary *pro tem.*

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian, through Dr. Webb, communicated donations from Mr. William Cothren, of Woodbury, Connecticut, Mr. Jonathan Pearson, of Union College, Schenectady, New York, the city of Salem, the Congress of the United States, and from Messrs. Sibley and Winthrop, of this Society.

The Corresponding Secretary read letters of acceptance from the Right Honorable Thomas Babington Macaulay and Henry Hallam, Esq., elected at the meeting in May last; and from Frederic Griffin, Esq., John Carter Brown, Esq., and Hon. Elijah Hayward, elected at the meeting in August last.

Mr. RICHARD FROTHINGHAM, Jr., presented to the Society a copy of a Chinese newspaper, printed in California, and the earliest in that language printed in the United States.

Mr. SIBLEY communicated a letter from the Rev. Samuel Sewall, of Burlington, concerning the residence of the father of President Dunster, and perhaps the birthplace of the latter.*

* A "Life of Henry Dunster, first President of Harvard College, by Rev. Jeremiah Chaplin, D.D.," Boston, 1872, contains all the information on the points here referred to which the writer was able to collect. — Eds.

No communications were received from the members of the Second Section.

Present — Adams, Ames, Davis, Ellis, Francis, R. Frothingham, Jr., Lunt, Robbins, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Webb, Winthrop, and Hon. Mr. Hayward, Corresponding Member, from Ohio.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Oct. 12, 1854, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Messrs. E. B. Corwin, William B. Towne, and R. H. Stanton ; also from Messrs. Quincy, Shattuck, Sibley, and Webb, of this Society.

Mr. Andrew Eliot deposited with the Society, on the 6th of September last, subject to his order and at his risk, a portrait of John Rogers, the Martyr, copied by Copley, in 1780, for Mr. George Rogers, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, from an original portrait owned in London, and presented to Mr. Eliot's father by Mrs. Marchant, sister of Governor Hutchinson.*

Mr. BRIGHAM, from the Committee appointed at the August meeting to solicit of John Lowell, Esq., a gift or deposit of certain volumes of the Laws of the Province of Massachusetts Bay, stated that the Committee will be prepared to make a report at the next meeting.

* See Appendix, p. 611. — Eds.

No report was received from the Committee to whom was referred at the last July meeting the letter of Professor Henry, of the Smithsonian Institution.

Mr. WINTHROP, in behalf of the Committee, consisting of the Standing Committee and Librarian, appointed at the last June meeting, to which the Cabinet-Keeper was added at the last August meeting, on the subject of keeping the Library open and making provision for a new Catalogue, made the following report, viz. :—

The Standing Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society were requested, by an order passed at the June Meeting of the Society, 1854, "to report at the next meeting of the Society what means, in their opinion, should be adopted for keeping open the Library, according to the By-Laws of the Society, and also to consider and report upon the subject of a new catalogue," and they were requested to consider the subject in connection with the Librarian.

By some misunderstanding or accident, this order had not been brought to the attention of the Standing Committee previous to the August meeting of the Society, when it was renewedly urged upon their consideration, and the Cabinet-Keeper, Dr. Shurtleff, was associated with them for this purpose. Since that time the Standing Committee have held several meetings on the subject, and they now submit the results of their deliberations.

The Committee are deeply sensible of the importance of doing something without further delay, in order to render the books and manuscripts and historical treasures of the Society at once more accessible and more safe. To this end, they believe that a perfect and systematic catalogue of the Library and Cabinet ought to be commenced and completed as soon as possible. Such a course is peculiarly necessary at this moment, in view of the possibility of a change of the Society's rooms. Few things could be more unfortunate than

a removal of all the books, pamphlets, papers, pictures, and curiosities belonging to the Society, without a more exact and careful inventory of them all than now exists.

The Committee are of opinion, also, that the other object contemplated in the order originally adopted at the June meeting is hardly second in interest and importance; viz., "the keeping open of the Library according to the By-Laws of the Society."

Article 18 of Chapter VIII. of the By-Laws says as follows: "The Library shall be open on all week days from nine to one o'clock in the forenoon, throughout the year, and from three to five in the afternoon in winter, and from three to seven in the afternoon in summer, except during the fortnight before the annual meeting in April, when it shall be closed for examination." In other words, the By-Laws contemplate a constant accessibility to the Library for those who are entitled to use it, and a practical devotion of our room and of its contents to the pursuit of historical studies. To this end, Article 5 of the same chapter declares of the Librarian, "that he shall be present in the Library in person, or by a substitute approved by the Standing Committee, at the regular hours appointed for keeping it open, and shall endeavor to render it useful to all who may resort to it."

The Committee believe that the time has come for carrying out these provisions of our By-Laws, both according to their letter and to their spirit, and for taking effective measures both "for keeping the Library open," and for "rendering it useful to all who may resort to it."

But how is all this to be accomplished? It is obvious that no competent and trustworthy person can be procured to fulfil the duties of Librarian of this Society, as prescribed in the By-Laws, without a very different remuneration from any which that officer has hitherto received. The present incumbent of that office is believed to have done all that could be expected, and perhaps more than all, at the present

rate of compensation. Nor can an exact and methodical catalogue of the Library and Cabinet be procured except at a considerable cost.

Your Committee, however, are of opinion that a common expenditure will cover both objects, and that the work of making a catalogue of the Library can be committed to no one so fitly as to him who shall be employed to keep the Library open. Indeed, this seems to have been the original contemplation of the By-Laws. The first article of Chapter VIII. declares expressly, "The Librarian shall have charge of all the books, tracts, maps, manuscripts, and other property of the Society appropriate to a library, and shall make and keep exact and perfect catalogues of each and all of them, doing whatever may be in his power, at all times, to preserve and increase the Collections under his care."

At all events, it is plain that the person who should be employed to prepare a catalogue of the Library at the present moment would be able, without interference with his work, "to keep the Library open" during the year or two which such a labor would inevitably occupy.

Upon these considerations, your Committee are of opinion that the one thing essential to the interests of the Society is the employment of a Librarian or Assistant Librarian whose whole time shall be devoted to the duties of the office, as laid down in the By-Laws, who shall keep the Library always open and accessible, and who shall proceed at once to prepare a perfect and systematic catalogue of every thing which it contains, and who shall be paid accordingly.

And for this object the Committee need hardly say that money is needed to a much larger amount than our Treasury under present circumstances can supply. An enlargement of the pecuniary resources of the Society—a permanent enlargement, if possible, but, at any rate, a temporary one—is therefore indispensable.

In considering how this indispensable object is to be at-

tained, the Committee are led to suggest whether an increase of the number of our members might not be expedient. Sixty members from the whole Commonwealth seem hardly enough, at the present day, to fulfil the purposes of the Society, even in other than mere pecuniary relations; and twice that number would be hardly as many, in proportion to our population and to our field of duty, as the original number of the Society in 1794. One hundred and one members, or one hundred members, whichever is the true old Pilgrim "Mayflower" number, might perhaps have an agreeable historical association. Or, without altering the number, a change in the charter might be effected, by which the term "Resident Members" should be limited to Boston, or its immediate vicinity, and no limit be assigned to members from other and more remote parts of the Commonwealth. With such an enlargement of the number of members, might go along a small increase of the annual assessment, say from three dollars to five dollars; or, perhaps, some scale of assessment might be concerted by which those who are able and willing should be assessed, or should assess themselves, at even a larger rate annually.

These suggestions, however, are hardly made with a view to meet the immediate exigency. They could not be carried out without the intervention of the Legislature, — so far, certainly, as they relate to an increase of the number of members; and they all require grave and deliberate consideration by the Society.

For the present, then, your Committee believe that we must look for the object under consideration to the voluntary subscriptions of those interested in the welfare of the Society; and they rejoice in the assurances which have already been given that such an appeal will not be made in vain.

Your Committee are of opinion, from the best inquiry, that a trustworthy and competent person can be procured to act as Assistant Librarian, with the double duty of keeping the Library open, agreeably to the By-Laws, and of making a

perfect and systematic catalogue of the Library, at a salary of not exceeding six hundred dollars per annum; and they believe that the entire completion of the catalogue may be relied on within a period not exceeding two years.

If the sum, therefore, of six hundred dollars per annum for two successive years can now be secured, the catalogue will be completed, and the question of keeping open the Library disposed of satisfactorily for that period of time.

In the mean while, the Committee sincerely trust that some measures may be devised for placing the Society permanently in a better position to fulfil the expectations which were authorized, and the great duties which were assumed, in its foundation.

The Massachusetts Historical Society is the oldest Historical Society in the country. Sixty years have now elapsed since its Act of Incorporation was passed by the Legislature. During this period it has made precious contributions to the history of the State and country in its printed Collections. Its publications, both in number and value, far exceed those of any other kindred association. But it has too long been crippled by the want of adequate funds, and other and younger societies in other States have gone far beyond it in the provision which they have made for accomplishing their common objects.

The want of safe and spacious accommodation for their archives, and of a neat and systematic arrangement of their Library and Cabinet, and of a more inviting accommodation for their meetings and their pursuits, has long been experienced. Could these objects be accomplished, it is believed that a greater interest in the Society would be created in the community at large, and that valuable contributions to its Library and its Cabinet and its portraits might be expected from those who now shrink from trusting their treasures where there is so little confidence that they will be cared for and turned to account, and made accessible to those interested in examining them.

The Committee hope that measures may be matured at no distant day, by which the portraits already collected in our ante-room may be cleaned, repaired, and put in such order, and so permanently marked, that there may be no danger hereafter of mistake or of decay, and that an inducement may be held out to those having old historical portraits to add them to our gallery. For the present, however, the Committee confine themselves to the objects distinctly designated in the votes of the June and August meetings; and, for the accomplishment of these objects, they submit the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Librarian be authorized and directed to employ an assistant, to be approved by the Standing Committee, to keep the Library open according to the By-Laws of the Society, and to proceed at once to the preparation of a complete and systematic catalogue of the Library, Cabinet, and pictures, at a salary not exceeding six hundred dollars per annum, provided that a subscription be obtained for defraying this salary for the term of two years.

For the Committee,

ROBERT C. WINTHROP.

Boston, 12 Oct., 1854.

Whereupon,

Voted, To accept the report, and adopt the resolution submitted by the Committee.*

* The Standing Committee of the previous year, as we have already seen (on p. 538), made a special report at the September meeting, 1853, on the subject of keeping the Library open, and of preparing a catalogue of the books in it; and they reported an engagement made with Mr. James I. Wood for this purpose. Mr. Wood's services, however, were continued only from August, 1853, to February, 1854. The importance of more strenuous efforts to secure abler and more continuous service for the Society in these respects was deeply felt at this time, and the report of Mr. Winthrop, who was Chairman of the Standing Committee that year, was a true expression of the feeling of the members.

On the authority of the above resolution, which was adopted by the Society, — the condition of the subscription named in it having been fulfilled, — the Standing Committee engaged the services of Dr. John Appleton as Assistant Librarian who entered upon his duties on the 4th of December of this year, at a

No communications were received from the members of the Third Section.

Dr. SHURTLEFF communicated a request from Mr. Samuel Andrews, of the Boston Custom-House, that Mr. F. A. Durivage may be permitted to make a copy of the Society's portrait of General Lincoln, the first Collector of Customs in Boston under the Constitution, such copy to be placed in the Custom-House. Whereupon,

Voted, That the request be granted at the rooms of the Society, and that free access to the rooms be accorded to Mr. Durivage for that purpose.

Mr. ELLIS, from the Publishing Committee, asked for an expression of opinion in relation to publishing in the next volume of the Society's Collections Rev. Mr. Hunter's "Founders of New Plymouth," the enlarged work, edition of 1854.

No vote was taken upon the subject, but opinions, as informally expressed, were adverse to this publication in the next volume.

Present — The President, Appleton, Blagden, Brigham, Davis, Deane, Ellis, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., Hoar,

salary of \$500 per annum. Dr. Appleton's period of service in the Library happily was not limited to the time named in the resolution, as he continued to fill the office to which he was now appointed for fourteen years, or till December, 1868, a few weeks before his death, his salary having been from time to time increased. His valuable labors in preparing the catalogue of books and manuscripts, and his services to the Society in other ways, have been commemorated in our Proceedings. The increasing duties of the Library, soon after Dr. Appleton's appointment, occasioned partly by a growing interest felt in its objects by the members and by the community at large, soon made it necessary to employ additional assistance in its administration, and, in the summer of 1855, Mr. George Arnold was engaged as janitor and general assistant, and he continued in the Society's service for more than twenty years. — Eds.

Jenks, Livermore, Paige, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Webb, White, Willard, Winthrop, and Worcester.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Nov. 9, 1854, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Pennsylvania Historical Society, the Congress of the United States, and from Messrs. Budington, Shattuck, and Shurtleff, of this Society.

The President read a communication from the Rev. John S. Barry, of West Scituate, in which he states that “for more than two years past he has been engaged in the preparation of a History of Massachusetts,” and requests permission to consult the Society’s manuscript collections, and make extracts from the same for the purposes of his work; and, thereupon, it was

Voted, That leave be granted to Mr. Barry, under the Society’s Rules.

The President communicated a letter from the Rev. Mr. Budington, in which he states that having removed to the city of Philadelphia, he is “under the necessity of resigning his membership in the Society.”*

Mr. PAIGE requested leave to borrow from the Library the volumes of the “Massachusetts Spy,” from its first publication down to the year 1815, taking out not exceeding three volumes at a time.

Voted, To grant leave.

* See p. 609, note. — EDS.

Mr. WINTHROP, from the Committee on the subject of keeping the Library open and making provision for a new Catalogue, reported that a subscription had been opened, and that the Committee had already obtained five hundred dollars a year for two years, with some surplus for incidental expenses.

Mr. LUNT, the Corresponding Secretary, communicated a letter from Mr. J. Bell Pollock, dated "College Hall, Cincinnati, Aug. 17, 1854," offering to sell to the Society certain letters written by persons connected with the civil and military history of the United States, at prices varying from three to fifteen dollars per letter.*

Voted, To lay this letter upon the table, and that Mr. Secretary be directed to write to Mr. Pollock, acknowledging the receipt of the letter.

Mr. HILLARD, from the Committee to whom was referred at the last July meeting the letter from Professor Henry, of the Smithsonian Institution, read a report, concluding with a recommendation that the Society send its printed volumes of Collections to the Smithsonian Institution, beginning with the first volume of the third series.

After some discussion, on motion,

Voted, That the report be recommitted, striking out the recommendation of the Committee, and to insert instead thereof a recommendation that the Society transmit the entire series of its Collections to the Smithsonian Institution.

Mr. BRIGHAM, of the First Section, made some remarks in relation to the true date of the Colonial

* These letters, fifteen in number, written by different public men, were all addressed to General John Sullivan. — Eds.

Ordinance giving to riparian proprietors right to flats
“where the sea doth not ebb above a hundred rods.”

Mr. AMES read a letter from the Hon. Mr. Justice Aylwin, of the Court of Queen’s Bench, Canada, in reply to the circular of this Society, concerning the Province Laws, &c. And, thereupon,

Voted, That Mr. Ames be a committee to communicate with the Hon. Mr. Justice Aylwin upon the subject of the copy of the Massachusetts Laws in the Advocates’ Library at Quebec, certified under the Province seal and the signature of Governor Bernard; and of Mr. Justice Aylwin’s copy of the Temporary Laws of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, edition of 1755, pages 561; and such other matter connected with the subject of the Province Laws and Journal of the House of Representatives; and also tender to Mr. Justice Aylwin the cordial thanks of the Society for his kind service.

The Standing Committee nominated the Rev. William Newell, D.D., of Cambridge, for Resident Member, *vice* Rev. Mr. Budington, removed from the Commonwealth, and Hon. Lorenzo Sabine, of Framingham, for Resident Member, *vice* Rev. William Barry, removed from the Commonwealth.

A letter having been received from the Hon. Luther Bradish and others, a Committee of the New York Historical Society, inviting attendance at the celebration of the semi-centennial anniversary of the Society, on the 20th of November instant, in the City of New York,

Voted, To accept the invitation, and that the Massachusetts Historical Society be represented by five delegates on the occasion.

The following gentlemen were chosen delegates:
viz., Rev. George E. Ellis, Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, Hon. Edward Everett, Hon. Charles Francis Adams,

and Rev. Samuel K. Lothrop, D.D., and were authorized to fill vacancies, should any occur in the delegation.

The President nominated William S. Southgate, Esq., of Scarborough, in the State of Maine, for Corresponding Member.

Present — The President, Ames, Blagden, Brigham, Davis, Deane, Ellis, Felt, N. L. Frothingham, R. Frothingham, Jr., Hillard, Jenks, Lamson, Lothrop, Lunt, Minot, Paige, Robbins, Sears, Shurtleff, Sibley, Webb, Wheatland, Willard, and Winthrop.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Dec. 14, 1854, 12 m. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF was chosen Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the United States Treasury Department, and from Messrs. Sibley, Webb, and Winthrop, of the Society.

Rev. WILLIAM NEWELL, D.D., of Cambridge, was elected Resident Member, in place of Rev. Mr. Budington, removed from the Commonwealth; and Hon. LORENZO SABINE, of Framingham, in place of Rev. Mr. Barry, removed from the Commonwealth, — Messrs. WORCESTER and WEBB, Scrutinizing Committee.

Mr. WINTHROP called the attention of the Society to a collection of medals relating to events in American

history, which he exhibited, and which are offered for sale by Mr. Wyatt.

WILLIAM S. SOUTHGATE, Esq., of Scarborough, in the State of Maine, was elected Corresponding Member, — Messrs. WORCESTER and WEBB, Scrutinizing Committee.

The Treasurer made the following report, viz. : —

Boston, Dec. 14, 1854.

The undersigned submits the following report; that, on the 4th instant, he received the following communication from the Trustees acting under the will of the late Hon. Samuel Appleton, viz. : —

"Boston, Nov. 18, 1854.

"DEAR SIR, — As Trustees under the will of the late Samuel Appleton, and in accordance with what we believe to have been his wish, we have transferred to the Massachusetts Historical Society the following stocks, amounting, by the appraisement of his estate, as nearly as may be, to the sum of ten thousand dollars: viz., Two shares in the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company; two shares in the Stark Mills; one share in the Merrimack Manufacturing Company; one share in the Appleton Manufacturing Company; one share in the Hamilton Manufacturing Company; one share in the Massachusetts Cotton Mills; one share in the Suffolk Manufacturing Company; and one share in the Manchester Print Works.

"This donation is made in trust to constitute a fund, the income of which shall be applied to the procuring, preservation, preparation, and publication of historical papers.

"N. APPLETON,
WILLIAM APPLETON, } Trustees.
N. L. BOWDITCH,

"TO RICHARD FROTHINGHAM, Jr.,

Treasurer of the Massachusetts Historical Society."

And the undersigned further reports that he has received from the Trustees the certificates of the above-named stocks, for which he has given a receipt, as Treasurer of the Society.

RICHARD FROTHINGHAM, Jr.,
Treasurer of Massachusetts Historical Society.

And, thereupon,

Voted, To refer this subject to Messrs. Adams, Ticknor, and Minot.

Mr. HILLARD, from the Committee on the letter of Professor Henry, of the Smithsonian Institution, the report of which Committee was recommitted at the last meeting, made the following report, viz. :—

The Committee to whom the letter of the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, dated June 28, 1854, was referred beg leave to submit the following report, viz. :—

The Committee, at the last meeting of the Society, held Nov. 9, made a report, ending with a recommendation that the Society transmit to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution a copy of the volumes of our Collections, beginning with the third series. After some discussion, the report was recommitted, with instructions to report a resolution to transmit to the Secretary a complete copy of the Collections from the beginning. Such a resolution is hereto appended; and, in reporting this, the duty of the Committee seems to be discharged.

G. S. HILLARD,

For the Committee.

Boston, Dec. 14, 1854.

Resolved, That a complete set of the Collections of the Society be transmitted to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, for the Library thereof.

Mr. LIVERMORE, one of the Committee, made a minority report in favor of adhering to the original recommendation of the Committee, but did not place the same on file.

Voted, To accept the report of the Committee this day made.

Dr. WEBB read a note from George Brinley, Jr., Esq.,

of Hartford, offering to assist the Society in completing certain Massachusetts documents.

Voted, To refer this note to Mr. Ames, to report thereupon.

No communications were received from the members of the Second Section.

Present — The President, Adams, Ames, Appleton, Brigham, Davis, Deane, Ellis, Felt, Francis, N. L. Frothingham, R. Frothingham, Jr., Hillard, Hoar, Jenks, Livermore, Lunt, Minot, Paige, Robbins, Shaw, Shurtleff, Sibley, Ticknor, Webb, White, Winthrop, and Worcester.

MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1855.

Thursday, Jan. 11, 1855, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Dr. John C. Warren, Dr. J. V. C. Smith, the Trustees of the New York Library, the Wisconsin Historical Society, the American Antiquarian Society, the Smithsonian Institution, Hon. William Appleton, and from Messrs. Deane, Sibley, Webb, and Winthrop, of this Society.

The Corresponding Secretary read letters of acceptance from Rev. Dr. Newell and Hon. Lorenzo Sabine.

Mr. ELLIS, from the Publishing Committee, announced the publication of Vol. II., fourth series, and bore especial testimony to the labors of Mr. Deane in the preparation of materials for the volume.

Mr. ADAMS, from the Committee on the Appleton

Fund, made the following report, which was read and accepted, viz. : —

The Committee to whom was referred, at the December meeting of the Society, a letter of the Trustees under the will of the late Hon. Samuel Appleton, addressed to the Treasurer, together with his official report thereon, have considered the same, and report that these papers convey to the Society the grateful announcement of the presentation and receipt of a munificent donation of the sum of ten thousand dollars, made to them on behalf of Mr. Appleton by his Trustees, in whom he reposed a discretion to give such a direction to his generosity as seemed to them most likely to subserve useful public objects. Whilst the Society cannot fail to acknowledge this benefaction with great thankfulness, as essentially enlarging their means of usefulness, your Committee feel that all is not done in that behalf that should be done, until there be placed on their records the evidence of a full and formal acceptance of the terms upon which the fund is given to them in trust. This act is equally dictated by good faith to the Trustees, through whom this bounty flows, and by the desire of the Society strictly to carry their wishes into effect.

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following orders : —

Ordered, That the Historical Society of Massachusetts gratefully accept the donation of ten thousand dollars, made on behalf of the late Samuel Appleton by the Trustees under his will, "in trust to constitute a fund, the income of which shall be applied to the procuring, preservation, preparation, and publication of historical papers."

Ordered, That the property so received be set apart by the Treasurer of the Society as a fund in trust, to be designated as the "Appleton Fund," and the income of the same, the accounts of which shall be kept separately from the other receipts and expenditures of the Society, be applied for ever exclusively to "the procuring, preservation, preparation, and publication of historical papers," being the objects specified in the letter of the Trustees.

Ordered, That in every publication that shall hereafter be made by the Society from the income thus applied there be inserted in each volume a notice, in print, that it was published at the charge of the "Appleton Fund."

For the Committee.

C. F. ADAMS, *Chairman*.

Mr. WINTHROP preferred a request from Mr. Greenough for a loan of the clothes of Franklin, in possession of the Society, which will be of use in draping the statue of Franklin, and leave was granted accordingly.*

Mr. WINTHROP requested permission to take a copy of Winthrop's Tract, contained in the Hutchinson manuscripts, in possession of the Society, dated "5th of 4th mo., 1643." Thereupon,

Voted, That permission be granted, under the Rules of the Society.†

The President nominated Hon. Samuel G. Arnold, of Providence, Rhode Island, for Corresponding Member.

Dr. WEBB communicated a letter from Mr. S. G. Deeth, of New Brunswick, New Jersey, proposing an exchange of sundry works mentioned in his letter for the Society's Collections, in equivalent values.

Voted, To refer this letter to the Publishing Committee for the next volume.

Voted, That the following gentlemen constitute the Publishing Committee to prepare and publish a third volume, fourth series: viz., Messrs. Deane, Lunt, Paige, and Ames.‡

* This statue of Franklin stands in front of the City Hall, on School Street, Boston. For a further reference to the clothes of Franklin used in draping the statue, see Proceedings, I. 155. — Eds.

† This document is printed in the Life and Letters of John Winthrop, Vol. II. pp. 427-438. — Eds.

‡ Some progress had been made in the selection of materials for this volume, and a number of letters in a volume of "Winslow Papers" in the Society's Library had already been placed in the hands of the transcriber, when the attention of the Chairman of the Committee was called in another direction, affording a prospect of more attractive matter for our volume of Collections. A small book was placed before him, published in London in 1846, in a second

The Treasurer stated to the meeting that he had received from Mr. Winthrop the subscription paper,

edition, entitled "A History of the Protestant Episcopal Church in America, by Samuel, Lord Bishop of Oxford,"—first published in 1844, in London, and in New York the same year,—in a foot-note to which the writer referred, as one of his authorities, to a "Manuscript History of the Plantation of Plymouth, &c., in the Fulham Library." The following letter of inquiry was thereupon addressed to the Rev. Joseph Hunter, of the Rolls Office, London, the first part of it, as will be seen, being in reply to a letter from him in the way of an occasional correspondence:—

"27 FEDERAL STREET, BOSTON, Feb. 17, 1855.

"DEAR SIR,—I duly received your last favor relative to Sandys's 'Europeæ Speculum,' &c., for which I am much obliged to you. Since I wrote you I have become possessed of the first genuine edition of the work, 1629. It appears to have been printed at the Hague. The Preface contains a few more passages than I copied from the 1632 edition. I think Sandys died in 1629, but he may not have died before the publication of the book, which, by the way, I think he had no hand in procuring. I shall send you by the first opportunity a copy of the first Plymouth patent, granted by the Plymouth Council in June, 1621. The original had been for some years lost, and is only recently recovered. I had as good a *fac-simile* of it printed as type would make it. I prepared it for publication in the last volume of our Collections, and had a few copies struck off in small quarto for private distribution. Do you receive our volumes as they come out? The last has a memoir of our friend Dr. Young, who died March 16 last, aged fifty-three and a half years. I have the memoir for you to go with the volume.

"I have just seen a volume entitled 'A History of the Protestant Episcopal Church in America, by Samuel, Lord Bishop of Oxford,' second edition, 1846. The writer refers at pp. 52 to 62 to a MS. in the Fulham Library, a History of the Plantation of Plymouth, which I think can be no other than a copy or the original, most likely the latter, of Bradford's lost History, which, you are aware, was used by Morton, Prince, and others of our early New England chroniclers, but which we have supposed was irrecoverably lost. This Fulham Library is said to be under the care of the Bishop of London. Now I am going to ask a favor of you, if not too much; namely, to see what this manuscript is, and, if what we suppose it to be, either copy or original, to have an exact transcript taken by a copyist, for publication in our Collections. I happen to have the charge of the next volume, and I should like much to secure so rare a gem for publication. If it should not prove to be Bradford's History, but is a History of the early Church, as it appears, it would be desirable to have a copy taken. You would know best what measures to take to get access to this. If it could not be obtained without a vote of our Society, that could be had. But my application may be looked upon as semi-official.

"Any expense, of course, would be cheerfully paid. Shall I ask of you the favor, as soon as you have learned concerning this, to address me a line. I dislike to trouble you, but know of no one so suitable to apply to. In order that you may determine whether this is the original manuscript of Bradford, I send

containing the names of subscribers and the amounts subscribed for the preparation of the Catalogue and keeping open the Library.*

you with this an original letter of his to Governor Winthrop to compare. It is so rare, I shall have to trouble you to return it to me again. Excuse the liberty I take, and believe me your obedient servant,

"CHARLES DEANE.

"REV. J. HUNTER."

Mr. Hunter's reply to this letter, and, indeed, a full account of the identification of the manuscript of Bradford, and the measures taken to procure a copy for the Society, will be found in the Editorial Preface to the printed work in 4 Collections, III. The other material, in which considerable progress had been made in transcription, was consequently laid aside for future use. — Eds.

* The following is the subscription paper, in Mr. Winthrop's hand:—

"The undersigned agree to pay the sums set against their names respectively, for two successive years, in annual, semi-annual, or quarterly payments, as they may prefer, for the purpose of meeting the salary of an Assistant Librarian of the Massachusetts Historical Society, who shall proceed at once, under the direction of the Standing Committee, to prepare a perfect and systematic Catalogue of all the books, tracts, maps, manuscripts, pictures, and other property belonging to the Society, and who shall keep the Library open, agreeably to the By-Laws; the balance, if there be any after paying said salary, to be appropriated by the Standing Committee to purposes connected with the better preservation and arrangement of the treasures of the Society.

"N. APPLETON	Fifty dollars.
JOHN WELLES, by H. H. H.	Fifty dollars.
DAVID SEARS	Fifty dollars.
JOHN C. GRAY	Fifty dollars.
ABBOTT LAWRENCE	Fifty dollars.
JOSIAH QUINCY	Fifty dollars.
ROBERT C. WINTHROP	Twenty-five dollars.
EDWARD EVERETT	Twenty-five dollars.
N. L. FROTHINGHAM	Twenty-five dollars.
C. F. ADAMS	Twenty-five dollars.
GEO. TICKNOR	Twenty-five dollars.
F. C. GRAY	Twenty-five dollars.
CHARLES DEANE	Twenty-five dollars.
JARED SPARKS	Twenty-five dollars.
R. FROTHINGHAM, JR.	Twenty-five dollars.
W. H. PRESCOTT	Twenty-five dollars.
W. MINOT	Twenty-five dollars.
J. T. AUSTIN	Twenty-five dollars.
JAS. SAVAGE	Twenty dollars.
NATH. B. SHURTLEFF	Ten dollars.
W. BRIGHAM	Ten dollars.
ELLIS AMES	Ten dollars."

Eds.

Mr. AMES stated to the Society that the Journal of the first General Court of the Revolution is now complete; also, the Journal of the House for the political year 1760-1.

Voted, That the Librarian and Mr. Ames cause these volumes to be suitably bound; also, that the same gentlemen cause the House Journal for the political year 1776-7, which is an imperfect copy, to be bound in such manner that the residue of the volume, or such portions thereof as may be obtained from time to time, may be inserted therein.

No communications were received from the members of the Third Section.

Present — The President, Adams, Ames, Appleton, Brigham, Clifford, Deane, Ellis, Felt, N. L. Frothingham, R. Frothingham, Jr., Gray, Livermore, Lothrop, Lunt, Newell, Paige, Parkman, Quincy, Robbins, Shattuck, Sibley, Ticknor, Webb, White, Willard, and Winthrop.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Feb. 8, 1855, 12 m. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Rev. Edmund B. Willson, the American Philosophical Society, the Maryland Historical Society, the New Jersey Historical Society, from Dr. Webb, of this Society, and two pamphlets from unknown donors.

The record of the last meeting was corrected by changing the reference of Mr. Deeth's letter from the Publishing to the Standing Committee.

Dr. SHURTLEFF, the Cabinet-Keeper, reported that he had delivered the Franklin garments to Mr. Greenough on loan, as directed at the last meeting.

Voted, That the Cabinet-Keeper, with the Librarian, report to the Society a list of the articles of property belonging to the Cabinet department.

On the request of Mr. D. D. Slade for "permission to have a copy taken for his own use of the portrait of John Rogers, the Martyr, now in the Society's rooms, and belonging to Mr. Eliot,"

Voted, That if Mr. Eliot consents that a copy of the painting, said to be a portrait of John Rogers, the Martyr, may be taken, the Librarian be directed to allow the use of the Society's rooms for the purpose.*

Mr. WINTHROP having announced the death of our late associate, Isaac P. Davis, Esq.,

Voted, That Rev. Dr. Lunt be requested to prepare a memoir of Mr. Davis for insertion in the Society's Collections.†

Mr. LUNT being present, signified his readiness to prepare a memoir.

On motion of Mr. TICKNOR,

Voted, That Messrs. Livermore, Lothrop, and Eliot be a committee to consider the mode of keeping the Treasurer's accounts of the "Appleton Fund," and the mode in which the regular publications of the Society shall hereafter be made.

Mr. AMES, from the First Section, read some of the proceedings of the closing scenes of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, June 17, 1774.

* See *ante*, p. 585. — Eds.

† Mr. Lunt, who died in March, 1857, was not able to discharge this duty. A memoir of the deceased by his relative, Mr. George T. Davis, will be found in the Proceedings for May, 1860, pp. 94-99. — Eds.

Present — The President, Adams, Ames, Appleton, Blagden, Deane, Eliot, Felt, Francis, N. L. Frothingham, Jenks, Livermore, Lunt, Newell, Shurtleff, Ticknor, Webb, Willard, and Winthrop.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, March 8, 1855, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF was chosen Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Rev. H. Jackson, Rev. Edwin M. Stone, Mr. J. S. Loring, Dr. Thomas S. Kirkbride, the Bureau of Ordnance and Hydrography, and from Messrs. Deane, Lothrop, Sibley, Shurtleff, and Webb, of this Society; also, from the Pennsylvania Historical Society.

The Cabinet-Keeper stated that the Franklin clothes, loaned to Mr. Greenough at the last January meeting, had been returned to his care.

Hon. SAMUEL G. ARNOLD, of Providence, Rhode Island, was elected a Corresponding Member, — Messrs. LIVERMORE and SABINE, Scrutinizing Committee.

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to pay sixty dollars to Mr. George Howarth for repairing the picture of Washington.

Messrs. TICKNOR and SEARS were appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts.

Messrs. MINOT, LOTHROP, and LIVERMORE were ap-

pointed a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

The Standing Committee nominated Thomas Aspinwall, Esq., for Resident Member, in place of Isaac P. Davis, Esq., deceased.

No communications were received from the members of the Second Section.

Present—The President, Adams, Appleton, Felt, N. L. Frothingham, R. Frothingham, Jr., F. C. Gray, Hoar, Jenks, Lawrence, Livermore, Lunt, Minot, Paige, Quincy, Robbins, Sabine, Sears, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Ticknor, Washburn, and Winthrop; also, Mr. T. Aspinwall, Corresponding Member.*

* In the first volume of these Proceedings, at pp. 394, 395, and 500–503, we have given brief notices of those Resident Members, elected during the period covered by that volume, whose membership terminated by some cause other than death. These were twenty-five in number, including one member who was re-elected. During the period covered by this second volume, the membership of eighteen members terminated by resignation or by removal, brief notices of whom here follow. It will be seen that three of those members were, on removal from the State, placed upon the Corresponding or Honorary Roll.

Hon. William Spooner, M.D., of Boston, elected in April, 1796, resigned May 28, 1835, and died on the 15th of the following February, in his seventy-sixth year. He graduated at Harvard College in the class of 1778, studied medicine with Dr. Danforth, and afterward in Edinburgh, and acquired an extensive practice in his profession. He was for many years an active member of the Historical Society, and served on numerous committees.

Joshua Coffin, Esq., of Newbury, elected in August, 1827, removed from the State in December, 1835. He was a distinguished antiquary, and enjoyed a high reputation for the extent and accuracy of his genealogical information; but is now best known as the author of a "History of Newbury, Newburyport," &c. He was born in Newbury, Oct. 12, 1792, and died there June 24, 1864.

Hon. Theodore Lyman, of Boston, elected in April, 1823, resigned May 30, 1836. Mr. Lyman was born in Boston, of which city he was Mayor for three years, Feb. 19, 1792, and died there July 17, 1849. He was a man of great ability, activity, and generosity, and took much interest in reformatory institutions. He was the author of several works of much reputation in their day.

Rev. Samuel Sewall, of Burlington, elected in January, 1836, resigned in August, 1837. He was a lineal descendant of Chief-Justice Samuel Sewall, and was born in Marblehead, June 1, 1786. He was for more than fifty years min-

ister of a church in Burlington, where he died Feb. 18, 1868. He was a man of strong antiquarian tastes, and was the author of an elaborate "History of Woburn." He inherited the manuscript Diary of his ancestor, Judge Sewall, which, after his death, was purchased for this Society, and is now in course of publication.

Hon. John Gorham Palfrey, LL.D., of Cambridge, elected in April, 1825, resigned June 28, 1838. He was re-elected in June, 1842, and resigned April 17, 1864. He still survives, at a ripe old age. His "History of New England" is universally acknowledged to be the best work on the subject which has ever been written.

Hon. Alexander Hill Everett, LL.D., of Boston, elected in August, 1830, removed from the State in 1841. He was a man of great and various acquirements, at one time editor of the "North American Review," a frequent contributor to the periodical literature of the day, and the author of several works. He was for many years in the diplomatic service, and at his death, which occurred in Canton, June 29, 1847, when he was a little more than fifty-seven, he was American Commissioner in China.

Rev. William Cogswell, D.D., of Boston, elected in October, 1839, removed from the State in April, 1841. He was born in Atkinson, N. H., June 5, 1787, and graduated at Dartmouth College in 1811. From 1815 to 1819, inclusive, he was minister of a church in Dedham; afterward he was for several years an officer of the American Education Society; and, in 1841, he was appointed Professor of History in Dartmouth College. In 1844, he became President of the Theological Seminary at Gilmanton, N. H., at which place he died, April 18, 1860.

Hon. Charles Jackson, LL.D., of Boston, elected in August, 1815, resigned Nov. 18, 1841. Judge Jackson was born in Newburyport, May 31, 1775, and graduated at Harvard College in 1793, with the highest honors. After studying law with Theophilus Parsons, he was admitted to the bar in 1796. In 1803, he removed to Boston, where he soon obtained distinction as a lawyer; and, in 1813, he was appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court, which office he held for ten years, when he was obliged to resign it, on account of declining health. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1820, and at a later period he was one of the commissioners for revising the general statutes. He was also, from 1825 to 1834, a member of the corporation of Harvard College. He died in Boston, Dec. 13, 1855.

Alonzo Lewis, Esq., of Lynn, elected in August, 1830, resigned Jan. 1, 1844. He was a native of Lynn, where he was born Aug. 28, 1794, and died Jan. 21, 1861. He published a History of that town, and at different periods of his life was a teacher, an editor, and a civil engineer.

Ichabod Tucker, A.M., of Salem, elected in August, 1817, resigned April 25, 1844. He was born April 18, 1767, graduated at Harvard College in 1791, and died in Salem, Oct. 22, 1846. He was a lawyer at Haverhill, and afterward in Salem.

N. G. Snelling, Esq., elected in January, 1818, resigned Dec. 26, 1844, and died in Boston, Sept. 7, 1858, in his seventy-fourth year. He was for some years President of the Massachusetts Fire and Marine Insurance Company.

Oliver William Bourne Peabody, elected in October, 1843, removed from the State in August, 1845. He was a man of various and extensive learning and a polished writer, who in his own day was highly esteemed in the vari-

ous professions which he successively adorned. He was at one or another time an editor, a member of the State Legislature, a Register of Probate, a college professor, and a clergyman. He died in Burlington, Vt., July 6, 1848, in the forty-ninth year of his age. His usefulness was greatly impaired by long-continued ill-health.

Hon. Francis Baylies, of Taunton, elected in November, 1837, resigned in March, 1848. He was a son of Dr. William Baylies, one of the original members of the Society. He was born in Taunton, Oct. 16, 1783, was a lawyer by profession, and a member of Congress from 1821 to 1827, member of the State Legislature, 1827-32, and 1835; Register of Probate, 1812-20, *Chargé d'Affaires* to Brazil in 1832. He wrote a "History of Plymouth Colony," published in 1828, two volumes. He died in Taunton, Oct. 28, 1852.

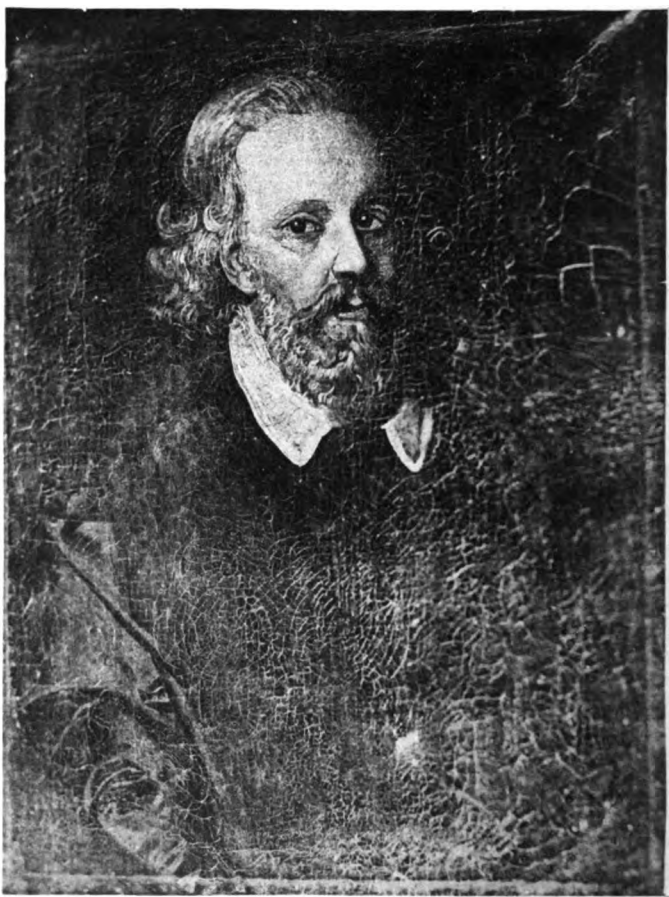
Hon. George Bancroft, of Northampton, the distinguished historian of the United States, elected in June, 1834, removed from the State in December, 1849. He was chosen an Honorary Member in February, 1850, and now resides in Washington, D. C.

William Gibbs, Esq., of Lexington, elected in August, 1836, resigned March 27, 1851. He was a son of Henry Gibbs, of Salem, (H. C. 1766,) and was born in that town Feb. 17, 1786. He was not a graduate, and appears to have taken little or no part in public affairs. He was the heir to an entailed estate, and died at Lexington, Dec. 23, 1863.

Hon. Charles Wentworth Upham, of Salem, elected in January, 1832, resigned May 19, 1852. He was re-elected in November, 1867, and died June 15, 1875. A memoir by the Rev. George E. Ellis, D.D., is in the Proceedings for December, 1876.

Rev. William Barry, of Lowell, elected in January, 1850, removed from the State in 1853. He has since that time resided in Chicago, Illinois. He was chosen a Corresponding Member in January, 1872.

Rev. William Ives Budington, D.D., of Charlestown, elected in March, 1848, removed to Philadelphia in 1854 (see p. 593), and in the following year became minister of a church in Brooklyn, Long Island, where he resided until his death, Nov. 29, 1879. He was chosen a Corresponding Member in February, 1871. — Eds.



COPLEY'S PICTURE OF JOHN ROGERS, THE MARTYR.

APPENDIX.

Portrait of John Rogers, the Martyr. See page 585.

Andrew Eliot, who deposited this portrait with the Society, was the oldest son of John Eliot, D.D., one of the founders of the Society. He was born in Boston, April 11, 1786, and died here in March, 1863, aged seventy-seven years. His mother was Ann Treadwell, of Portsmouth, N. H., a descendant, through *her* mother, of Nathaniel Rogers, of Ipswich. She married Dr. Eliot, Sept. 10, 1784, and died in Milton, Mass., in 1840, aged seventy-four years. Mention is made in the Society's records of Mr. George Rogers, for whom the portrait was painted. The person here intended was probably the gentleman of that name who married Lydia Hutchinson, the sister of Governor Hutchinson, and the sister also of Mrs. Abigail (Hutchinson) Marchant, who, according to the records on the page cited at the head of this note, presented the portrait to Dr. Eliot.

Respecting this portrait, the knowledge and tradition in the Eliot family—as represented by Mr. John F. Eliot, a nephew of John Eliot, D.D., a venerable and intelligent gentleman of this city, now living, at the age of eighty years—are to this effect: that the picture was in the possession of Mrs. Marchant up to the time she quitted the colony,—probably about the period when her brother, Governor Hutchinson, left; that she then committed it to the charge of her friends here, with instructions that it should be given to some member of the Rogers family in this country; that Mrs. Eliot, being well known to be a descendant of the martyr, afterward received it, and kept it till her death. It was

subsequently placed in the Historical Society's rooms through the intervention of Mr. John F. Eliot.

In 1833, after the Society had removed to its present location, affording largely improved accommodations, a desire was felt for increasing the number of its historical portraits; and Dr. Lowell, one of a committee of the Society, wrote to Mr. J. F. Eliot, soliciting the donation of the portrait of John Rogers. Mr. Eliot replied that Mrs. Eliot, the widow of our late member, was the owner of the picture, that she cherished a feeling almost of adoration for it, as the likeness of her ancestor, the proto-martyr of Queen Mary's reign, and was very reluctant to part with it while she lived.* (Letters on file.) The Society received it from the hands of her son fourteen years after her death.

That this portrait was painted as a representation of John Rogers, the martyr, is sufficiently evident from the inscription upon the canvas: "Martyrio Coronatus, 4 Feb. 1555." It is also signed and dated: "John Singleton Copley, Pinx., 1759." This latter inscription shows that the statement, on the records, that the picture was painted by Copley, in 1780, from an original picture in England, cannot be true. Copley painted the picture in this country: he did not leave for England till fifteen years later.† It may be added that the George Rogers mentioned above died previous to Feb. 20, 1748 (Historical and Genealogical Register, V. 325).

It would be interesting to know Copley's authority for this picture. If not a fancy portrait, from what source did he obtain the likeness? Did he copy it from an earlier painting? for it will be remembered that Rogers died two centuries before Copley's picture was painted. In Holland's "*Herøo-*

* From investigations made in this country some thirty years ago, confirmed by subsequent researches in England, it seems certain that the belief that the Rogerses of New England, descendants of Nathaniel of Ipswich, were also descendants of the martyr, rests solely on a not very early tradition, and has a very slender support from facts. See Savage's *Genealogical Dictionary*, 565-568; *Life of John Rogers*, by J. L. Chester, London, 1861, pp. 221-253.

† Our associate, Mr. A. T. Perkins, has included this portrait in his interesting "*Sketch of the Life, and List of some of the Works, of J. S. Copley*," 1873. Supplement, page 6.

logia Anglica," fol. London, 1620, page 157, is an engraved portrait of John Rogers, the martyr, accompanied by a short account of his life. The face in Copley's picture resembles that of Holland's portrait. The head is turned in the other direction, and the handling of some other parts of the person varies; the dress, also, is different. The copy of Holland's book in the Society's Library once belonged to Roger Williams, and was given by him to John Endicott; it also contains the autograph of Increase Mather, affording a certainty that the lineaments of the most interesting character in it, as there represented, would not be unfamiliar to the early New England mind. Referring to the inscription on the portrait, given above, indicating for whom it was intended, we quote a passage from the brief memoir of the martyr accompanying the portrait in Holland's work. It is in the Latin language, as is the entire letter-press of the book. — "Martyrij Corona donatus est; quippe, in Campo, *Smithfield* dicto, quarto die Februarij, anno 1555, combustus mortem obiit."

But, unless the intention of Copley had been to produce a picture with essential variations from the portrait in Holland's book, this latter cannot be regarded as the original from which our copy was made. For, 'as we have already said, with considerable resemblance in the face, enough to show perhaps, that each was intended for the same person, they are different pictures.

The Herøology contains the first regular series of English heads, several of which are engraved by the distinguished family of Pass. Many of the portraits are from well-known originals, as Holbein and others, and are familiar to the eye. Some are from unknown sources, yet all are professedly drawn from original pictures. An account of the pictures from which the portraits were engraved may be seen in Lowndes's Bibliographical Manual, I. 947. From this list it appears that No. 43, the portrait of John Rogers, the martyr, was procured "from a shop in Blackfriars." This is all we learn respecting it.*

* In Paul Freher's "Theatrum Virorum Eruditione Clarorum," &c., Norib. 1688, fol., at p. 149, is a smaller portrait of John Rogers, a reduced copy, with-

It may be well to mention that a copy of Copley's picture was made, in 1837 or 1838, by Chester Harding, in Boston, for Mr. John W. Rogers, a merchant in Salem and Boston, who obtained a reluctant loan of it for this purpose from Mrs. Eliot. It is quite probable that this copy is yet in the possession of some member of the family of Mr. Rogers residing in Boston or its neighborhood. A daughter of this gentleman, Miss Elizabeth Rogers, made a copy from Harding's portrait, and this is now in the possession of Mr. J. Amory Codman, of Boston. See also p. 605 of this volume.

We will add that what appears to be a modern copy of our picture is in the possession of the American Antiquarian Society. It came to that institution among some of the effects of the late Dr. Bentley, of Salem, who was a great collector of relics. No inscription is upon the canvas, but on the back of the frame there is copied the words, "Martyrio Coronatus, 4th Feb. MDLV.," as on our picture. Also, a brief history of the martyr, in the handwriting of Dr. Bentley, is pasted on the back of the picture. Dr. Bentley died in December, 1819.

out doubt, of that in Holland's book. It is one of sixteen heads on a single folio sheet, each head enclosed in a square of less than two inches by two and a half inches in size. It is not well executed, and is unsatisfactory as a copy. On pp. 162 and 163 is a sketch of the life of the martyr, the writer referring, at the foot, to the "*Herölogiâ Anglicâ*," as one of his authorities. The work of Freher is interesting, and contains 1312 portraits, arranged as described above.

In a *Life of John Rogers*, by Joseph Lemuel Chester, London, 1861, the author has introduced, as a frontispiece, a steel-engraved copy of Holland's portrait, somewhat reduced in size.

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